

# The Journal

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## Newsline

### Waterfront tour this weekend

ALBANY — The Albany Waterfront Committee is conducting the first of two walking tours of the waterfront this Saturday, Jan. 14, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. The purpose of the tours is to acquaint residents with the committee's proposal for Albany's portion of the future Eastshore State Park. A second tour will be conducted Sunday, Jan. 29, from 10 a.m. to noon. The tours will begin at the fence at the southwest corner of Golden Gate Fields' north parking lot. Heavy rains may cancel the tours.

The committee is also holding two public meetings to receive comments and suggestions on its proposal. The first is submitted to the City Council. The meetings are scheduled for Thursday Jan. 19 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., at the Albany Library meeting room, 1247 Marin Avenue and Saturday, Feb. 4 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., at the City Council Chambers, 1000 San Pablo Avenue.

Copies of the proposal can be obtained by calling 576-6666 or dropping by the City Planning Office (1000 San Pablo), the Albany Library or the Albany Waterfront Center. Copies will also be available at the public meetings. For more information, call Gloria Wake, committee chair, at 528-6250.

### Tree recycling extended

EL CERRITO — The El Cerrito Recycling Center is extending its Christmas tree recycling program. It will be collecting trees this Saturday, Sunday and Monday (Jan. 14-16) from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. It is hoped the recent heavy rains deterred many residents from bringing their tree to the center's drop-off area.

Trees may be brought to the end of Schmidt Lane, the drop-off site located at 7501 Schmidt Lane. The center requests a \$2 donation per tree to help pay the cost of hiring a work crew to chip the trees. Trees for recycling must be free of tinsel, nails and lights and no flocked trees will be accepted. Trees also not be accepted from nonprofit groups collecting trees or from commercial tree lots.

### Picture Book Time in El Cerrito

Picture Book Time for preschoolers of ages 3 to 5 will be offered on Thursday mornings at 11 a.m. at the El Cerrito Library from Jan. 19 to March 9. Registration begins today, Jan. 12. Picture Book Time features stories read aloud, songs and fingerplays. Parents are requested to remain in the library during the sessions, which last about 30 minutes.

El Cerrito Branch of the Contra Costa County Library is located at 6510 Stockton Ave. Hours are Monday from noon to 8 p.m.; Tuesday from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.; Wednesday closed; Thursday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Friday and Saturday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. For further information call the library at 526-7512.

### Preschool applications available

ALBANY — Applications for Albany Preschool's 1995-96 morning cooperative program will be available Saturday, Jan. 28, from 9 a.m. to noon. Registration will take place at the preschool, located at 850 Masonic Avenue. There will be information about the cooperative morning program, as well as people to answer questions.

Applications will be reviewed in the order received, with priority given to Albany residents. The morning preschool program is for children who will be at least 3 years old by Dec. 2, through pre-kindergarten. There is a non-refundable \$25 application fee to be paid at the time of application.

Early application is recommended, as openings are limited. For more information call Lynn Eve Fortin at 528-2346.

### Last chance for league sign ups

ALBANY — There are a few openings remaining for players in the Albany Little League. Registration forms may be picked up at the Albany Chamber of Commerce at 1108 Solano Ave. in Albany. Forms must be returned by Saturday, Jan. 28.

Documentation of residence and age is required. Players must live within league boundaries, which encompass south Kensington, north Berkeley, and north Albany. They must be at least 7 years old, but no older than 15 as of July 31.

Both a registration fee and a refundable work deposit will be charged. For players 7 to 12, the registration fee is \$50; for players over 12, the fee is \$55. The refundable work deposit is \$50 per family.

Players 12 and under play at University Village Middle School Park in Albany on teams formed by age group and skill level. Older players compete at Memorial Park in Albany.

Play begins in March and continues through June. All-Star teams play in July.

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## 911 consolidation plan riles Albany officials

By Tara Suan

ALBANY — Saying residents will not abide by slower emergency medical response in Albany, city officials this week petitioned Alameda County Supervisor Keith Carson to protest a proposed county-wide reorganization of the 911 system.

But county administrators said those concerns were somewhat premature and offered assurances the plan will not have negative impacts on the city.

"Our intent is not to lower service levels but to have a system that works for the entire county," said Diane Akers, provisional director of the Alameda County emergency medical service district.

Anticipating major changes in the nation's health care services, Alameda County supervisors organized a task force group charged with reworking emergency medical services and delivery.

The group, composed of health care providers, ambulance transporters, firefighters, city and county staff, proposed a centralized 911 response model which creates a new first-line distinction between emergency and non-emergency 911 calls.

But Albany Fire Chief Marc McGinn opposes the concept plan, charging that such centralization would up the average response time in Albany from 3 to 4 minutes to 8 to 10 minutes, a change McGinn and others say Albany residents could do without.

"We are under assault from the county," said McGinn last week at the City Council meeting, who added he feels the county is trying to gain control over the city's fire and emergency jurisdiction.

Currently, 911 calls in Albany are fielded by operators and routed through the fire department, who then dispatch a private ambulance transporter to the call location.

Given the size of the community, McGinn said emergency response times are markedly quicker in Albany than in other more densely populated and geographically dispersed areas.

City administrator Darren Fields concurred with the chief's fears, saying "Some of the recommendations made by the task force may have severe and negative implications in Albany."

The task force envisions a 911-type of "triage." According to the report, a number of people call 911 in non-emergency medical situations. The report reads, "Citizens call 911 for everything from a heart attack to requesting a ride to the hospital for a medical appointment."

It is not the idea of a "triage" system that concerns Albany officials, but the accompanying usurpation of city control by the county entity.

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## Storms wreak havoc on city streets



Streets, like Moeser Lane and Richmond Street in El Cerrito (above) turned into rushing rivers with continued rainfall this week. Shannon Morgan

### Albany escapes major flood damage

By Shannon Morgan

ALBANY — Like many surrounding communities, Albany had its share of chaos and crisis due to the heavy deluge of rains to hit the Bay Area this week.

Though soaked beyond saturation this city, unlike others, was spared any major catastrophes.

Albany Police Sgt. Art

Clemons said the department was inundated with calls Monday afternoon and evening, with a high number of flooded intersection and basement reports.

One east bound lane of Buchanan Street was closed most of the night due to flooding, while Cleveland Avenue from Buchanan Street to

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The  
storm of  
'95

### El Cerrito declares state of emergency

By Dawn Frasier

EL CERRITO — The phones just wouldn't stop ringing at the El Cerrito Police Department Monday afternoon and evening. As the water resulting from continuous rains continued to rise, people were experiencing problems for which they weren't quite prepared. It's not something you see every day in El

Cerrito — cars stalled in pools of rushing water, sandbags stacked along driveways. But the storm that resulted in flood conditions all over the state didn't end up doing too much damage in El Cerrito.

Damage was enough for the City Council to declare a local

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## Hundreds apply for jobs at EC Fire Department

By Dawn Frasier

EL CERRITO — Over 220 would-be firefighters have applied for nine new positions in the El Cerrito Fire Department. By next week, chief Steve Cutright will have chosen the candidates most likely to fill those positions. Whether they are actually hired or not depends on whether the applicants satisfactorily pass a check of their backgrounds, the last step in an established process.

It is customary for a committee of evaluators outside a fire department to be involved in the hiring process in order to encourage objectivity. In El Cerrito's case, Captain Mike Arnold of East Diablo Fire and Battalion Chief Paul McFarland of Richmond Fire had the job of going through all the applications, then narrowing them down to an eligibility list of 120 people, those who met the minimum requirements established by El Cerrito.

At that point, they had to exercise their personal judgement in prioritizing the candidates.

"We told them we wanted to have some appreciation of who their highest recommendations were and who would fall into their lowest (category)," said Cutright. "In a sense, everyone else was in between."

The evaluators were looking for a combination of training, education and experience, weighing (from a somewhat subjective standpoint) who might make the best firefighter in the El Cerrito/Kensington context, he said.

Cutright reviewed applications submitted by everyone in the highly qualified group and also looked "on a spot basis" at applications from the other two groups.

Last week, he interviewed 14 people and selected five for background checks. Next week, he'll conduct another group of interviews and select four more final candidates.

The large increase of fire department personnel results from a new contract with Kensington to provide that town with fire protection services. El Cerrito is already functioning in that role under an interim contract; a longterm contract should be signed by early spring.

At its Jan. 3 meeting, the city council adjusted the 1994-95 budget in order to hire new fire personnel. The budget will increase by \$600,000; ten full time positions will be added. El Cerrito's expenses should be reimbursed on a month-by-month basis under the contract, unless "a better way" is found, Cutright said.

On Dec. 19, the council authorized city manager Gary Pokorny to execute the interim agreement with the Kensington Fire Protection District. Until additional personnel are hired and trained, El Cerrito is contracting with Contra Costa County for extra firefighters to cover Kensington's service needs. Those firefighters are in fact former employees of Kensington, now employed by the county and assigned to Kensington temporarily.

"At 7:30 a.m. Dec. 31, the Kensington employees transferred to the county fire district," said Cutright. "We've done sort of a 'rent-back' of the Kensington firefighters for about six weeks in order to phase in our firefighters..."

At this point, two of three shifts are now covered by old Kensington employees. "C" shift has two El Cerrito

firefighters and one Kensington firefighter.

"By mid-month, that will change; all the C shift will be El Cerrito employees. By the end of January, A shift will have El Cerrito (firefighters); by mid-February we will have completely changed over."

New El Cerrito employees will have to go through standard department training, which includes becoming familiar with the location of addresses in both El Cerrito and Kensington.

The city council actually authorized the expansion of the fire department by 10 employees. Battalion chief Jim Gazzano has been hired from Kensington.

"We offered all the Kensington employees jobs in El Cerrito," said Cutright. "Then the county offered jobs to all the non-management employees."

When those employees decided to go to the county, he said, El Cerrito retained its offer to Gazzano, who is a management employee. Gazzano will retain his top-step battalion chief salary. His sick leave transferred to El Cerrito; the Kensington fire district "bought out" his accrued vacation. Gazzano is well-known in El Cerrito and familiar with it. As part of the longtime joint operations agreement between El Cerrito and Kensington, he has worked for several years in the city as one of three line battalion chiefs.

The city of El Cerrito expects to agree on a long-term contract this spring with the Kensington Fire Protection District. The contract should call for El Cerrito to provide fire services to Kensington for up to five years. Kensington's fire department has been independent to this point; revenue cutbacks, however, have necessitated a different approach to fire service.



■ Remembering When

By William Paul

# The changing tune of a night on the town

It must have been the sound that attracted me into this rather large building where I saw an indiscriminate, indescribable group of Homo sapiens apparently performing some sort of ritual ceremony, accompanied by weird noises being extracted out of long-necked instruments, while gyrating, dipping, waving their arms and wobbling their caboose in a manner similar to those being exhibited by the worshipers.

Using all the insouciance and aplomb I could muster, I turned to a pleasant-looking, but otherwise ordinary individual next to me and asked what this group might be celebrating. "Oh, they're just enjoying themselves," says he.

"Well, is this any special occasion?" I asked, and he assured me no — then, "They're just dancing because ..."

"They're what?" says I. But thinking about it a bit, it helped explain something one of my kids had said shortly before. He had just come home from a dance held at his high school and told what a good time he'd had. Knowing that he didn't know how to dance and had not accompanied a girl to the party, I asked whom he had danced with. "Oh," says he, "I just danced with myself." I didn't pursue the matter any farther — I guess I didn't want to know what his answer would be.

But now I knew what he was talking about.

Starting in the fourth grade in public school, I had been taught

the minuet, Virginia reel, and several other folk dances; later, in Dancing School came the waltz, fox-trot, and, later yet, the Charleston, varsity drag, etc. I was no stranger to dancing even though I played for many more than I attended. (I owned a set of drums.)

Back then, you always took a girl — either singly or with a crowd, somewhere to dance. Together, that is. You could go to a private party, to a hotel where they had a band, or to a public ballroom or a night club where they served refreshments (of one kind or another).

Most of these places were respectable — i.e., you could take a respectable girl. I remember Sweet's Ballroom in Oakland — quite respectable — and The Alabam near Hayward — fairly respectable, but you wouldn't take your partner there and then take her home to meet Mother.

Of course there were some like The Washington Sycamores, near Niles, where I played for two nights and the guy who drove us down there assured us that if things got rough he'd look after us. Then he opened up his coat and showed us a Colt .45 in his holster.

I also played in some respectable places, too. But these were during the days of Prohibition, and, believe it or not, I didn't drink, but an offer of \$10 a night for 17 nights would pay a lot toward my college costs, even though the

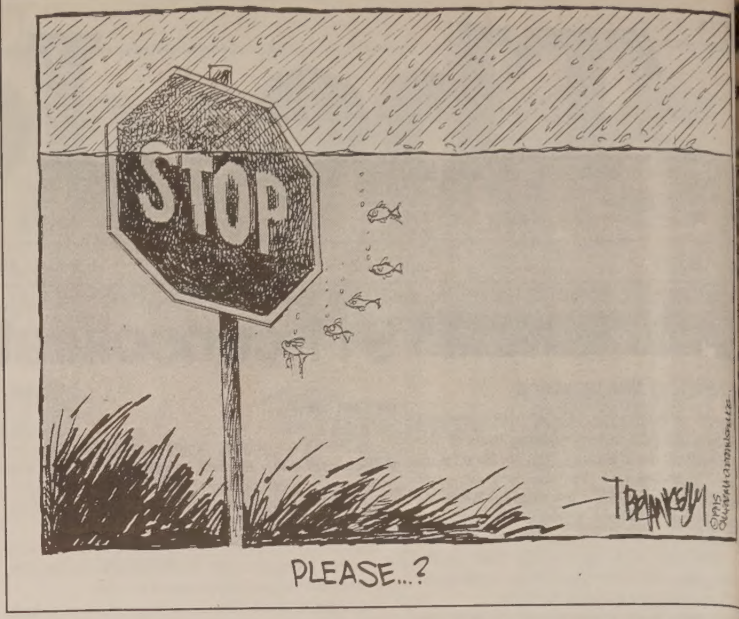
hours were from about 11 p.m. to 4 a.m., one night a week. After the second night we got fired, luckily.

But what I'm pointing out here is that in those days you took a girl to dance with you, which involved staying rather close together, performing pretty much the same steps at the same time, hopefully in time to the music.

Then, depending on what you had told your partner's dad what your eventual relationship might be with his daughter — if you had any and he had asked — you might get your right arm around most of her waist, and, depending on different circumstances, your cheeks might touch each other if the steps you were endeavoring to navigate weren't too complex. Now that's dancing, friends.

Some of the best dancers in the business were the girls who worked at the Dime Jigs, where you didn't take a girl with you but bought tickets at 10 cents each, handed them to a girl and danced with her. Ten tickets got you 10 dances of maybe two minutes each. But those gals were good, good, good — they'd follow you right out the window if that's where you led them. But they wouldn't follow you home — like a lot of guys hoped they would.

The only objection there was to the Dime Jig was that the thing any of the girls said first when you handed her the tickets was "What's a nice guy like you doing in a place like this?"



## ■ Police Reports

### Teenage robbery suspects arrested in Albany

By K. Osborn

ALBANY — It was previously reported in this column that on the afternoon of Dec. 22 a 15-year-old Albany boy was attacked at MacGregor School (it should have said Albany Middle School) by two subjects who demanded his bike. He was grabbed from behind by one attacker and punched in the face by the other and his bike was taken.

On the morning of Jan. 4 Albany officers arrested a 14-year-old Albany resident for his participation in the strong arm robbery. He was released to his father with a notice to appear. In the afternoon of the same day a 14-year-old Oakland boy was also arrested for participating in the robbery and released to his parents with a notice to appear. Officers recovered the bike from the possession of the Oakland boy and returned it to the Albany boy.

At about 12:30 a.m. on Jan. 1 Albany officers responded to a call from a resident on the 1000 block of Nielson Avenue requesting assistance in terminating a party that had gotten out of con-

trol at her house. They also received numerous calls from neighbors complaining about noise and drinking from the party. Officers found about 50 juveniles who had various containers of alcoholic beverages. The party was stopped and the juveniles were sent home. All alcoholic beverages were confiscated and dumped.

Unknown thieves broke into a locked laundry room at an apartment complex on the 1100 block of Marin Avenue and cut the conduit power line of the water heater taking a pink Huffey Freespirit mountain bike that was secured with a kryptonite lock between 10 p.m. on Dec. 31 and 7:45 a.m. on Jan. 1. There were no witnesses.

Unknown thieves broke into a locked Isuzu Trooper parked on the 1000 block of Peralta on the afternoon of Jan. 1 and drove away with it. There were no witnesses.

Between 8 p.m. on Dec. 30 and 6:45 p.m. on Jan. 2 unknown vandals smashed the left rear window of a white 1989 Mazda belonging to a resident on the 900 block of Stannage Avenue. Since the window shattered but did not break out they were unable to gain

entry and departed unseen.

A resident on the 400 block of Evelyn Avenue reported that he and his roommate left a bicycle apartment on Dec. 27 and was returned on Jan. 2 he discovered that his roommate's bicycle, a speed mountain bike, which had been chained to the balcony railing, was missing. His room was not due to return until January 3. Upon investigation of the building learned that a neighbor bicyclist served subjects hopping on a fence towards Cougar Field. Upon investigation of the building on December 27, there was no further information.

Between 1 p.m. and 2:45 a.m. on Jan. 3 unknown thieves smashed the driver's side window of a car belonging to a Richmond man while it was parked on the 500 block of San Pablo Avenue. They prowled the interior, stole money and departed unseen.

On the afternoon of Jan. 4, two juveniles approached a 14-year-old Albany boy while he was riding his bike on the 400 block of San Pablo Avenue. One of the attackers demanded he give him the bike and pushed him to the ground.

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## ■ Letters to the Editor

### Enough is enough

Editor:

What a fine letter from Mr. Downing against Measure F. This educator and good citizen doesn't want his children growing up with a card room at the race track.

And of course, anyone with children should feel the same! Heavens, what next, a pool room? The people voted — enough now.

Russell Solomon  
Albany

### Irony in politics

Editor:

It seems ironic that the same Albany City Council which seems to have violated the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) by placing a development agreement for a card club on November's ballot without an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) is now complaining that the School District needs an EIR for a ballot measure that did not specify either a site or a building.

It seems ironic that the same city staff which determined a casino did not need an amendment to the city's General Plan is now saying that a school does. The same City Planner who issued a fallacious traffic report to justify a negative declaration of card room traffic is stating that a school project can't propose traffic mitigations.

Furthermore, when City Council and staff applied their twisted logic to a card club, they told the public that once the project was approved by voters, it did not need to do a CEQA Environmental Impact Report. However, even though the school measure was passed by voters, it somehow is required to do a CEQA Environmental Report. And the City Attorney suggests that school's EIR, which the city pays for, should include the card room!

What Albany is witnessing is the continued abuse of authority. Because no EIR was conducted for Ladbrooke's casino, the passage of Measure F represents the will of an uninformed electorate. This is not a democracy; it is a great

loss for the City of Albany, especially for those of us who were informed. Measure F was clearly an abuse of initiative power, and the City Council continues to act irresponsibly in regard to Measure A.

Perhaps the 82 percent of Albany voters who voted for Measure A and the 49 percent of voters who voted against Measure F should initiate a recall of city politicians. It might be the only way to achieve a democratic city government and rid it of self-serving officials who manipulate rules and regulations for their own interests.

Wendy Handel  
Albany

### Short-sighted planning

The Journal received a copy of the following letter sent to the Albany City Council:

I am a resident and homeowner in Albany. I'm writing to let you know that I'm opposed to the circ-only proposal being considered for the Albany Library. I addressed the following comments to the Albany Library Board at their Oct. 26 meeting. Unfortunately my work schedule doesn't permit me to address you in person at your Jan. 17th meeting.

I believe the idea to increase library hours without librarians on duty will prove to be an unworkable plan. It will make it impossible for the library to provide good quality service EQUALLY to all citizens. The library is a service organization, not just an open building with materials in it. Having worked in many different libraries over the past 24 years, I can tell you that libraries are NOT SELF-SERVICE. People ask lots of questions, and need lots of assistance from the staff. At Berkeley Public Library, where I'm currently employed, over a half-million questions were asked last year!

The circ-only plan will create a situation where circulation staff will have to refuse to help people, or might be tempted to answer reference questions they're not adequately paid or trained to answer.

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# Debate continues on community input for BART Plaza

Dawn Frasier

EL CERRITO — For years, it's been a stated land use concept in the general Plan for El Cerrito; it now looks as though 1995 may be the year that some kind of mixed use development plans begin to move forward at the main BART parking plaza.

It's not a possibility everyone in El Cerrito is excited about.

Some residents, including a number of immediate neighbors who have held meetings on the subject, do relish the idea of any new development that would take away "open space" effect created by existing parking lots. They particularly object to the influx of many

new residents if the housing portion of the project is large. They look to the increased need for city services, increased traffic and a change in the character of the predominantly single family residential neighborhood as among probable negative impacts.

While no specific proposal has been submitted by BART, the agency's preliminary thinking is geared toward a combination of parking structure, commercial space and residential units. In December, the City Council approved a redevelopment implementation plan that includes transit-oriented mixed-use development at the site. On Jan. 3, the redevelopment agency approved a loan to BART for pre-develop-

ment costs.

Some would like to see discussion of the best use for the area taking place before any proposal is even submitted. Council member Mae Ritz is among them. Ritz voted against inclusion of the mixed use concept in the implementation plan and, though she was not present at the Jan. 3 meeting, said later she would have voted against loan approval to BART.

Ritz believes the council has "talked around" the concept of creating a "transit village" at the El Cerrito BART station but has not ever had a direct discussion about it.

"People have been coming to meetings stating their concerns

about (creating) an urban village in that area, particularly immediate neighbors. We've said to them, 'We don't have any plans,' but we're going ahead in our redevelopment plans, putting in an implementation plan for that area that includes an urban village," said Ritz.

"I feel that we need to be more open. People come to our council meetings, and some of our council members have been really reluctant to discuss (this). They say the city council meeting isn't the place to do it, and there's some truth in that.

"But if we are going ahead with the urban village idea, we need to tell people. We can't say we haven't decided that."

There is one aspect of the pro-

posed development Ritz believes has been long agreed upon — the use of Measure C funds to increase parking.

"We've been talking about a BART parking garage for a number of years," she said. "I've supported that all along.

"We have all along said there would be a parking garage; it's just been recently we've come up with this urban village concept."

Because the state has given cities three years to amend the mandated implementation plans for redevelopment, Ritz said she didn't understand the rush to include a mixed use project for the BART property when there is some public opposition to the idea.

"If we put in our redevelopment plan 'urban village,' that's what it's going to be," she said. "It's not like we had to include it that night. We seem to be rushing to put it in. We could have waited, gotten more input from the community, and amended the plan later."

Like some opponents, Ritz expressed her belief that inclusion in the general plan some years ago should not necessarily dictate today's decision-making. Even apart from that, however, she said she has her own concerns about development that includes housing and retail uses along with new parking.

Ritz travels the area every night

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## 10 ways to make a difference in '95

Did you make the same New Year's resolutions you do every year? Are you ready for something a little different that really make a difference? Then try one of these 10 simple resolutions for the new year.

1. Try carpooling. You'll prevent smog and feel smug as you speed by all the solo drivers chugging toward the toll plaza. Get a ride at a "casual" stop or call RIDES at (510) 755-7665 for a more formal arrangement.

2. Buy recycled toilet paper. Conserve the forest when you buy toilet paper made from recycled paper? Green Forest and recycled Northern 100 percent recycled are two brands available at local markets. And, no, recycled toilet paper is not made from used toilet paper, but from an paper collected from businesses.

3. Get a tune-up. Cars produce more air pollutants when they are running smoothly. Also make sure your tires are inflated properly, which will increase your mileage, conserve fuel, and decrease air pollution.

4. Take the kids to a state or

national park during the off-season. It's easier to explain how redwood trees grow or why we need to protect habitats for wild animals if you don't have to compete with the amusement-park atmosphere that summer brings.

5. Install compact fluorescent light bulbs. Compact fluorescents use one-fourth of the energy of a standard incandescent and last over 10 times as long. The bulbs cost more up front, but in the long run, you'll save about 50 percent on the cost of lighting your home.

6. Read product labels. Products with "DANGER" or "POISON" on the label are the most toxic, followed by products with a "WARNING" label, and finally a "CAUTION" label. Products with any of these words can be very hazardous to your health and the environment. If you must use them, buy only the amount you need and follow the directions precisely.

7. Reduce urban run-off. Run-off from streets and storm drains is the largest source of Bay pollution. Reduce your contribution by sweeping your driveway and sidewalks instead of spraying them down. Don't use

EcoMatters



Kivi Leroux-Duncan

pesticides and herbicides on your lawn. And place newspaper or tarps under your car when you do repairs instead of washing oil and other chemicals into the street.

8. Be water-wise. You can dramatically reduce your water consumption (and EBMUD bill) by installing low-flow shower heads and sink aerators in the house and drip irrigation and drought-resistant plants in the yard.

9. Use a flea comb. Instead of dipping your pets in chemicals, groom them with a flea comb. Your pets will enjoy the quality time with you, and you'll both avoid those nasty toxic flea bombs.

10. Speak your mind. Let store managers and clerks know that you prefer products with less packaging and more recycled materials. After all, we can all use some positive reinforcement, especially when it comes to keeping our New Year's resolutions.

## City finances face uncertain time ahead

As the new mayor, I thought I would use my first article in the Journal to highlight some of the key budget issues. I will use future articles to focus on other issues.

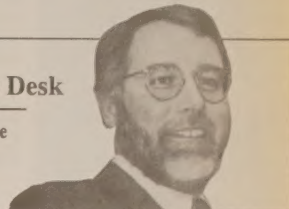
Over the past three years we have seen a steady loss of our tax base as the state and county have shifted tax revenues that the city received to their budgets in order to balance them. The state has directed the transfer of portions of our property tax and sales tax revenues, as has the county.

In response, we have cut the reduced number of city employees. Over the past three years, we have shrunk the city payroll by 20 percent. We have done this mainly through retirement of older employees and contracting out for services that formerly were handled by city employees.

We also engaged in an aggressive program to reduce the number of upper-level management positions in order to get more people out of the office and working directly with citizens. Over the past three years we have eliminated four of the top-level management positions and consolidated those duties with the remaining four

## From the Mayor's Desk

By Norman LaForce  
El Cerrito



managers. This is a 50 percent reduction that has resulted in a net savings to the city.

We also froze city salaries and wages for two years. This past year we did give a modest pay increase.

Because we have worked in good faith with our employees, we have not seen the kind of divisive labor strife that other public agencies have faced.

Cuts alone, however, would not balance the budget. Three years ago we passed the utility users tax. This now constitutes about 20 percent of our revenues. Because police and fire service alone now constitute about 70 percent of our budget, I am of the opinion that without the utility user tax we would have had no recourse but to declare bankruptcy, since we could not have cut our budget by 20 percent and been able to provide even basic fire and police services.

When I joined the City Council three years ago, we had essentially no reserve fund left for emergencies, disasters, or other unplanned needs. The council made a commitment to build our reserve to 10 percent of our budget and to maintain that reserve. This last year we have a reserve of 6 percent with the intent of raising that percentage further in the next budget. We were able to get to 6 percent with cuts and the utility user tax.

This next year poses some serious challenges. As readers may know, the state did not really balance its budget last year. Instead, it chose to roll over major

debt. Hence, the state still has a budget shortfall of \$6 billion.

The two largest elements of the state budget are education and prisons. I personally do not want to see our educational system destroyed any further by budget cuts. I foresee an ever-escalating prison budget as the criminal justice system implements the Three Strikes law. The governor now proposes a 15 percent reduction in personal and corporate income taxes without spelling out where cuts will occur to cover this reduction in revenues.

I believe that we will see a further attempt by the state to shift revenues (the polite phrase for a tax grab) from the cities and counties to the state to help cover the state debt. The counties will in turn engage in their own shift of revenues to cover the losses from the state shift.

As we begin the budget process in late April and May, we will have to deal with this issue if the worst comes true. At this point I can say that the other members of the council and myself are committed to holding the line on any tax increases and thinking even more creatively about how we could cut our budget without sacrificing necessary services.

I urge residents to write to the governor and our state legislators to tell them that your city government cannot take any more loss of revenues to balance the state budget. I also urge residents to write or call me for any ideas they have.

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Shoot your television?

**Killer TV: "Does TV Kill?"** is a snappy title, all right. It's the name of this week's installment of *Frontline*, which aired Tuesday on Channel 9. The report looked at the history of research into kids and TV violence, but there was a lot more. I raved about the show to a schoolteacher, and she said with a sigh, "You're not telling me anything that every teacher doesn't already know."

OK, so if you're NOT a teacher, there were some sobering findings. And this was not the same old TV-bashing.

For over 30 years, one researcher has been tracking kids who are heavy watchers — sometimes literally — in Hudson, a town in upstate New York. The show returned to Hudson, where a camera atop the TV in three homes watches the kids watching TV. It's alternately dismaying and revealing.

It's hard to disagree with TV researcher George Gerbner's assertion: "If you're growing up in a heavy viewing home, for all practical purposes, you live in a meaner world than your next-door neighbor who watches less television."

A near-classic laboratory model was shown: A mountain-bound town in British Columbia, the last place in North America that had no access to TV. Two years after the town was finally wired, a researcher found that the level of physical and verbal aggression among school kids studied before and after TV's advent had increased dramatically. Does this surprise anyone?

Claremont College Prof. Barry Sanders also talked about how kids who watch megadoses of TV develop a view of the world largely through what they see on the box. They also think the outside world is a far more dangerous and threatening place than it is.

This goes for adults as well:

Not long ago, *Dateline: NBC* reporter Fred Francis returned to his home town of Miami, the acknowledged center of TV-news "body-bag journalism." Francis cited a poll showing that although Miami's violent crime rate has fallen markedly, most Miami TV-news watchers thought it was at an all-time high.

Reporter Al Austin produced *Frontline's* well-balanced show for Oregon Public Television, and he presents all sides of some key issues. Bill Moyers led a 15-minute panel discussion on TV violence at its conclusion. "Does TV Kill?" is important television, and the show will generate plenty of discussion among those who watched it.

**MULTIMEDIA NOTES:** You may not always agree with his politics, but Denver-based talk host **Ken Hamblin**, who calls himself "The Black Avenger," will also cause plenty of discussion and debate here now that his show's carried locally on KSFO weekdays from noon to 3. Hamblin, who facetiously describes himself as "just another hard-working colored guy," will undoubtedly be branded an "Uncle Tom" by some, but that's both inaccurate and a cheap shot. He'll also draw plenty of fire for resurrecting the term "Darktown" and for talking about African Americans (a term Hamblin doesn't particularly like) living on the "liberal plantation." I can't help chuckling when Hamblin hands out Certificates of Absolution From White Guilt to callers. You don't have to be a racist to like this guy; Hamblin is bright, thought-provoking and controversial. He's also, I would argue, correct much of the time. He makes too much sense to dismiss, and the ranks of black conservatives continue to grow.

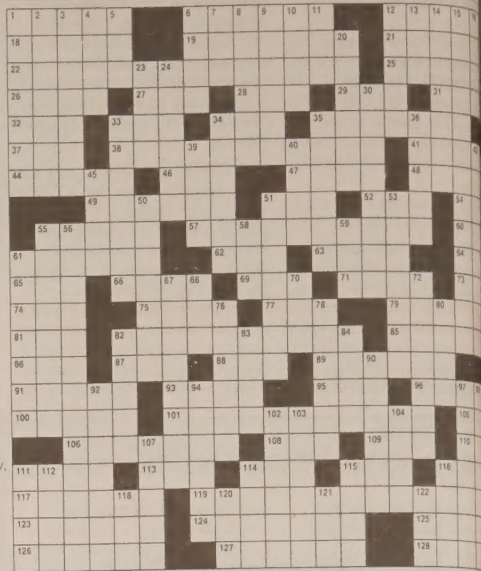
I don't know if you saw **Robert Ebert's** recent piece in the Chicago Sun-Times. It

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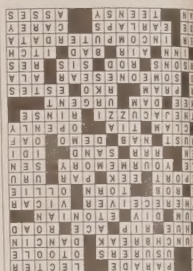
chronicled a day Ebert recently spent with **David Letterman** shooting a bit in New Jersey. It was a revealing "portrait" of a man who reveals very little if anything of himself. "Letterman," says Ebert, "has almost totally sealed off what personal life he has from anyone else." (I may be in the minority here, but especially when talking about a celeb, I find that quality refreshing.) "The real subject of the Letterman show," says Ebert, "is the Letterman show. And 'Dave' is a character on it just like the others. And extracting a personality from that character is about as misguided an effort as Mia

Farrow's attempting to find love with the fictional male lead in *The Purple Rose of Cairo*." Ebert, who expected to log some quality time with Letterman in New Jersey, could only marvel at how little of substance was said off-camera — mostly remarks about sports and a fast-food chain. Ebert reasoned that Letterman's lack of personal substance is the result of not only the star's shyness, but also Dave's professional belief that "the show plays better when his entire relationship with the guest is in front of the cameras." That largely explains why Letterman was uncharacteristically flustered in November when

someone who DOES know him intimately, his former lover, writer **Merrill Markoe**, was a guest. And the two had literally not spoken in over five years... Most pedestrian interview of the year: Former KPIX-TV mediocrity/now CBS mediocrity (and, sigh, occasional fill-in CBS anchor) **Bill Lagattuta's** recent fawning interview with Sophia Loren. Another mediocre reporter at Channel 5 now doing high-profile CBS stories: **Reed Galin**.

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## Freedom shrine dedicated at Albany High

ALBANY — Albany High School became the proud home of a testament to history Tuesday when the Exchange Club of Albany and El Cerrito dedicated Freedom Shrine to adorn school walls.

The shrine, consisting of 28 pieces of history authentically produced — including the Bayflower Compact (1620), the Declaration of Independence

(1776), the Gettysburg address (1863) and the Kennedy Inaugural speech (1961) to name a few — was dedicated during an afternoon school assembly.

"One thing we stand for more than anything else is the young people of our nation. I think Albany High School is exceptional in calling this assembly and that the young people are here," former exchange club president Chris Christian said.

Christian urged to students to take the time to read the documents to be placed throughout the school.

Club president Charlotte Erasmay said it was a personal triumph to see the shrine installed. "Back in the '60's I went to high school here. This was my way of giving a little something back to a school that gave me so much," she said.

## Plaza development process debated

By Dawn Frasier

EL CERRITO — While the establishment of a mixed use development on BART property may be a given for the majority of the council, the process of deciding exactly what the development will look like has yet to be decided.

Cities vary in their approach to community land use planning. The city of Emeryville, for example, involves its citizens at a number of levels.

For many projects, the city's housing committee or public facilities committee is involved. These and other project committees (such as the San Pablo Avenue Revital-

ization Committee), are composed of a mix of members: residents, business and property owners, planning commission members, city council or redevelopment agency representatives, paid city staff.

For many projects, the committees involved develop specific conceptions of what they'd like to see at a certain site, then often have input on the actual preparation of key items to be contained in the Request for Proposals sent out.

"Those might include qualifications they believe are important in the architect to be chosen for the project," said Ron Gerber, project manager for the city's redevelop-

ment agency.

The committees sometimes interview architects who have responded or review designs submitted, narrowing down choices to a short list, with priority ratings. The city council makes the final decision.

"We've found it's a good way to get an early look at how the community feels," said Gerber. "Some cities just choose to hire an architect to design something. The project can be well on its way or almost to the construction stage before there's much public input."

"This (method) helps to build a

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## Albany Chamber of Commerce

By Fern Luoma

### Newest member paints the town

A musician and artist with unlimited talents, Graham Bruce recently finished copies of his cartoon map featuring 91 businesses in the Albany area who were participants in the financial backing of the map.

The map, "Solano Avenue Stroll Scroll," is 2' by 18" and features recognizable faces such as Bernie Schatz from Foam Creations, Don Dennis and Joyce Gengler from TravelCenter Tours & Travel, Bimmy Rode of Albany Florist and Gifts, Chelsey Buis of Chelsey's Treasures, Christine Forristall of The Mechanics Bank, Pat Gillaspay and Sylvia Tedesco of The Avenue Travel and of course the Cookie from The Nutty Cookie.

The Chamber of Commerce is selling its limited supply for \$2 each.

Basically a musician, Bruce's schooling includes Boston's Berklee School of Music and the Rhode Island School of Design. Since his arrival in California, he has performed in Japan and recorded original tunes with prominent local musicians Mark Levine, Donald Bailey and Bruce Forman. Bruce plays the trumpet, cornet, flugelhorn and acoustic bass.

After a year of professional music, Bruce decided to broaden his abilities in the fashion of the "true Aquarian Renaissance Man" and enrolled in electronics school. His subsequent experiences in that field now include development of the Aurora 280

Superpaint System, assistance with the hardware and documentation for the Keck Telescope used recently to capture the action on Jupiter. Also with the production and New York installation of video networking hardware for the visionary Group of Palo Alto.

It was during his electronics schooling in the mid-1980's that Bruce was enlisted to do the artwork for a couple of area cartoon maps in San Francisco. Castro and Polk streets were his first maps. Then in the early 90's, while commuting between Berkeley's Space Science Laboratory and Richmond and frequenting Solano Avenue, he became aware of the need for a cartoon map for this area.

"My goal in this product is to help visitors locate the various places of interest with a somewhat humorous approach," he said.

The new "Stroll Scroll" maps are available at the 91 places of business.

With any spare time, Bruce usually pursues music in various forms including electronics sequences.

#### Albany Lions Crab feed

Tickets are available at the Chamber of Commerce office for the Albany Lions Club All You Can Eat Crab Feed to be held Friday, Jan. 27 at the Veterans Memorial Building. The price remains the same at \$20 per person. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. followed by a raffle. According to dinner chairman Elwood Bridges, this is usually a "sold out" event so advises to get dinner tickets early. Phone 525-1771 for information and tickets.



Graham Bruce

Albany Video Service recently opened a new office located at 863 E San Pablo Avenue. Owner Allen Cain and staff service all video equipment with a home pick-up and delivery and a fast turnaround. His phone number is 524-4447.

#### Albany Christmas '94 winners

Winning first place of \$100 in the Albany Christmas '94 drawing was Georgia Schwimmer of Albany.

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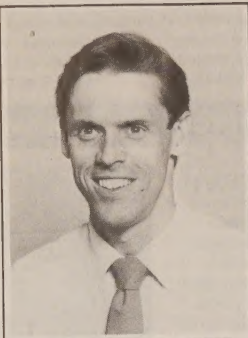
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# PET TALK



Veterinarian  
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Every year, cats  
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deadly diseases. Yearly check-ups give your veterinarian a chance to thoroughly examine your pet, checking for problems you might not realize exist.

A good example is your animals' teeth! Very few owners know the condition of their pet's teeth. Usually by the time owners realize their pets need dental care, it's too late and extraction is needed. Many young animals, 2-3 years of age, already need routine dental care.

Yearly exams also give your vet an opportunity to talk to you about routine health maintenance, correct diet, routine worming, heartworm control and flea control. The examination time is an ideal opportunity to discuss with your vet any questions you have ranging from health problems to psychological and behavioral problems.

Probably the most important time for an

exam in a dog or cat's life is when he/she is 8 weeks of age. This is the age that pets should begin their series of vaccinations.

How you raise your pet, just as how you raise your children, has a big impact on what they will be like as adults. There is nothing more satisfying than owning a well-socialized, friendly, well-behaved dog or cat! There is nothing more disappointing than owning a pet with

behavioral, emotional or health problems! How well they turn out depends on your care for them from 8 weeks to 6 months of age. This is the age range that your veterinarian and his examination, vaccination and advice can help you the most.

A yearly exam and vaccination are probably the most important steps a pet owner can take to maintain a healthy and happy pet.

## Pets of the Week



Lots of puppies this week, but our photographer was taken with the slightly older (but not full-grown) female mixed breed shown above; she's docile and friendly. The tom cat is drop-dead gorgeous; beautifully kept fluffy hair, prettier than his picture. If you want to adopt an animal that isn't available yet, tell the shelter staff that you want to fill out a card expressing your interest. The Oakland Animal Shelter, 3065 Ford St., is open from noon to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Take the Fruitvale exit from I-880, South. From I-880 North, take the 29th Avenue exit, and take E. Ninth Street back to Fruitvale. There is a low-cost inoculation clinic from noon to 4 p.m. the third Saturday of each month.

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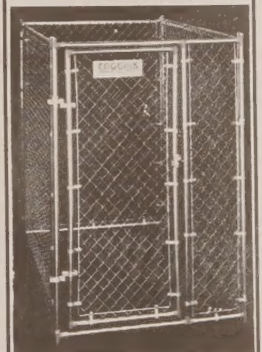


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# PET TALK



## Organization Profile: Community Concern for Cats

### Who are we and what do we do?

Community Concern for Cats is a non-profit, all volunteer cat rescue organization. Our primary purpose is to spay, neuter, feline leukemia test, vaccinate, and find permanent homes for countless numbers of stray, abandoned and feral cats and kittens.

In addition, we try to educate the public of the importance of spaying and neutering their pets, cat and kitten care, health maintenance, behavioral problems and possible solutions and answer questions.

### How can you help?

WE NEED DONATIONS. We are able to spay and neuter hundreds of cats

each year as a result of your generous cash contributions. We are also able to help injured animals that might otherwise not survive for lack of veterinary assistance. And the donations you give are tax deductible.

There are several different food drop-off locations in the area. They include: **Preferred Birds & Pets**, 3433 Lakeshore Ave., Oakland, **Petco**, South Shore Shopping Center, Alameda, **Abbey Vet Hospital**, 11070 San Pablo Ave., El Cerrito, **Albany Veterinary Clinic**, 1550 Solano Ave., Albany, **Petfood Store**, 6000 Potrero, El Cerrito, **Codomices Vet Hospital**, 944 San Pablo Ave., Albany, and **Kensington Vet**, 400 Colusa Ave., Kensington.

WE NEED CARING PEOPLE WILLING TO FOSTER THE HOMELESS ANIMALS. Every year we are faced with an overwhelming flood of kittens and cats

and a shortage of temporary homes until permanent homes can be found. Especially needed are people who can work with the new arrivals to socialize them and people who can help with orphan kittens.

WE NEED HELP SPREADING THE MESSAGE TO SPAY AND NEUTER PETS. Each year thousands of animals needlessly lose their lives because their care givers do not understand the options available to them. It is only when fewer kittens are born that every cat will become a cherished pet.

WE NEED YOUR TIME. Help is needed making follow-up phone calls, feeding feral colonies, rescuing cats, fund-raising activities, organizing and coordinating events, running errands and many other activities. Please ask our volunteers at any adoption location for more information. Adoption

centers are located at Petco in Walnut Creek, Lafayette and Tassajara.

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# FOOTRVS

## RECOVERING

Even now we can feel the carpet heavily against our face. Even after that starry night our being still hungers As if we didn't learn. Maybe we didn't. Our souls are like empty bottles waiting to be filled; we could drink an ocean of wine and that hole would not be filled. The year is nineteen-hundred ninety-four. I am still searching.

—Logan Byrne  
MacGregor High School

## QUIET THINGS

I was helping my dad in his office one day when I didn't have school and a paper clip dropped and I heard it. Once I was so quiet. I went to a mountain. I heard a deer moving. I once was helping my sister get dressed when it was raining and the rain sounded like thunder was hitting the tree and there was a thunderstorm. When we go camping we sleep in a tent.

When I was resting I heard the footprints of a kitty. It sounded soft.

—Ben, Carrie, Janet, Kiri, Mike, Takashi, Yuji  
—group poem, Pam Marquardt's second-grade class  
MacGregor Primary School

Students wrote these poems during workshops with Poet-in-Residence Judith Tannenbaum. This project is funded in part by the California Arts Council, a state agency, and the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency. Poetry headline created by Alec Scott, MacGregor High School.

## Exciting year ahead for lifelong learning

ALL is announcing its winter program, and it promises to be an exciting one. But then, ALL is an exciting program in itself. ALL — Alternative Lifelong Learning — is a program of continuing education for people in their retirement years. There are many such groups throughout the United States, and they are, indeed, a boon to the over-50 crowd. But ALL is different from the rest. Most of them are connected with a university. As a result, their fees are fairly high. (CLEAR, in San Francisco, is one. It is connected with UC Berkeley.)

ALL, however, although many of its founding members are professors emeriti from UC, is independent, run only by its members, and thus able to keep its fees very low. I mean, \$15 per person, \$25 for a couple? It is mind-boggling. The other thing that allows ALL to keep its costs down is its arrangement with the North Berkeley Senior Center. They are provided with space by the center. In return, the group provides classes and other functions for the people who visit the center. A very good deal all around.

So now ALL is about to begin its winter term. The classes, which will be held from Jan. 9 to Feb. 17, will be led, as usual, by volunteers from the organization. There are so many members who have expertise in so many fields, it has never been necessary to hire teachers for any of the classes.

With classes and study groups which include Short Story Review; Writing Your Life; U.S. Policy, the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund, and the Devastation of Third World Economies; From the Renaissance to the Enlightenment; the Macintosh Computer; Psychology; Explorations of the Mind; Desktop Publishing; What's Happening in the News; and Early Level Spanish; there is something for everyone.

One of the most popular parts of the ALL program is its monthly Friday Forum, when lecturers from the area speak to an assembly of an average of 150 people. Even this week, when the rain was raining and the wind was blowing, there were almost 100 people there.

Part of the enjoyment of the Friday Forum is the Question and Answer period, when the assembled people, with so much experience and education, question or comment knowledgeably on the lecture subject. The give and take is as enjoyable for the lecturer as for the listeners.

Do I sound enthusiastic? I am. In addition to the fine program offered by ALL, there are the people who belong and attend. They come from all over the East Bay to open and expand their minds and meet and chat with others of similar interests. Is there a better way to spend the "golden years"?



Community Folk

By Clara-Rae Genser

Based, as noted, at the North Berkeley Senior Center, ALL's address is P.O. Box 9293, Berkeley, CA 94709, or call 530-3609 or 644-1571.

I was interested in the latest newsletter from CASR — the Court Appointed Special Representative program of child advocacy. Having had some small part in the creation of that organization, it was exciting to learn that it has now been active for 13 years.

During this time, some 900 volunteers have been trained and have worked with over 1300 abused and neglected children. The executive director, in her message, speaks of the daily experience of "meeting concerned community citizens who for no reason other than caring, life-altering changes in children's lives."

In addition to accompanying the child through the juvenile court system, the volunteer comes to know the child and his or her family on a one-on-one basis. Because the court and the social workers are overwhelmed by sheer numbers of cases, the CASR volunteer can become the person to whom the child can talk, who can provide court and the social workers with deeper knowledge of the child and his/her needs and background, and can be an advocate for the child.

Says one volunteer in this issue, "I would like to close by expressing my thanks to the CASR program. CASR has given me a way to give back to my community. It is a great program that benefits children every day."

Aren't we fortunate to have so many people who care so much, since we have so many who need so much.

CASR is a Contra Costa program. There is a similar program in Alameda County. And they always need volunteers who care and who, like the one quoted above, look for ways to "give back to my community."

CASR headquarters is 75-A Santa Barbara Road, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523; 256-7284.

As always, I invite you to give me your ideas. Interesting people, events, organizations, etc. you have called or written and I have not responded, it is because I lost several files while reorganizing my office. I'd be so grateful if you would write or call again. Please?

Write to me at 555 Pierce St., #443, Albany, CA 94706, or call 525-4585.

## Ballroom dancing classes offered

Allegro Dancers, Inc., a non-profit club owned and operated by local ballroom dancers, will offer a full line of instruction and dances for the public during January.

Three classes for beginners are scheduled during the month plus a dance party exclusively for beginners. Other highlights will be an engagement party, and a Chinese New Year potluck and dance.

Ballroom basics is scheduled Thursdays at 7:30 p.m., beginning fox-trot for 7:15 p.m. Tuesdays, and beginning salsa Saturdays at 3 p.m.

The party, which will be limited strictly to beginners and feature rumba, waltz, tango and swing, will be held Sunday, Jan. 22, from 7 to 10 p.m. for \$5 per person.

Four consecutive ballroom basics classes cost \$25 and four con-

secutive dance classes cost \$28. Anyone can join the club for \$50 per month, which includes cut rates for lessons and 20 free dance parties per week.

The engagement party will be free Saturday, Jan. 21, and celebrate pending nuptials for Christopher Wright and Zenen Vinluan, who met at the ballroom in a beginning class.

Chinese New Year will be celebrated Sunday, Jan. 29. The price will be \$5 for members, \$10 for non-members.

Ballet for ballroom is taught Mondays at 8 p.m. Advanced salsa and hustle are scheduled for 8:30 and 9:45 p.m. Tuesdays. Two advanced waltz classes are scheduled Wednesdays starting at 7:30 p.m.

A tea dance is scheduled for Thursdays at 1 p.m., followed by

the basics class, intermediate Argentine tango at 9:30 p.m., and a milonga at 9:30 p.m. General dancing is scheduled Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m., and Sundays feature a 3 p.m. tea dance.

Intermediate salsa is taught at 4 p.m. Saturdays and will be followed by a 7 p.m. bolero lesson.

Closing highlight of the month will be a special workshop in international samba taught by prominent Bay Area instructor Jenty Parkinson. The charge is \$15 in advance, \$18 at the door.

The ballroom is located at 10690 San Pablo Ave., El Cerrito. Call 524-9100 for details. Most charges are \$6 for dancing, \$8 including a lesson, in one of 10 major ballroom dances.

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### First Aid

What do you do in case of an emergency? This class will teach you basic first aid and what you can do before the Fire Department arrives. Sometime in your life you will experience an emergency, so why not be prepared? Next class will be March 18.

### Smoke Detectors

The Albany firefighters have set a goal to install smoke detectors in every home in Albany.

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We are installing each detector for a nominal fee of \$8. Remember that smoke detectors are the No. 1 fire safety device you can have in your home.

### Water Heater Strapping

The firefighters will come to your home and strap your water heater. Water heaters should be secured to prevent them from tipping over during an earthquake. An unsecured water heater can tip over, causing the gas and water lines to rupture. Call today for your appointment.

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## EC Chamber activities planned

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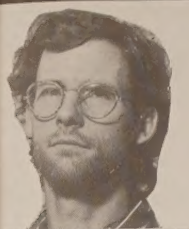
This event will be held at the El Cerrito City Club with 6:30 p.m. reception. Marge Collins, former mayor of El Cerrito and Chamber member, will be the master of ceremonies and Mayor Neil LaForce will serve as guest of honor for this 59th state officers. Rod Roberts will give cocktail and dinner keynotes.

Reservations by Jan. 18. Chamber staff at 233-7040.

Also, a Chamber luncheon will be held for Jan. 18 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at Smart & Final.



## In the Game



By Peter Mentor

## To mud inside

Wring me out — this rain is just depressing. Soccer coaches were shaking their heads and sponging off their phone lists trying to schedule games this week for sometime when the fields are a little drier — like June. Fortunately for Berkeley that artificial turf that so many people hate is the only field around that doesn't look like the Louisiana swamps. El Cerrito High is a virtual sty, with water-filled holes and mud thick enough to render seats as mud clogs. St. Mary's was rained out last week and Chabot's Cougar Field is wet when it's warm, let alone this time of year.

It's a good time to sit indoors and watch basketball, and last Monday was a good night, even a loss, for St. Mary's against St. Joseph.

The Panthers lost the game, but came out feeling like winners. Any team that can "hang" with the Pilots has got to feel good. And don't be surprised if the demoted Panthers (they are playing Division IV this season) go on to win from Division I go on to a few teams that thought they would win.

St. Mary's coach Restelli didn't mind the way his team played in that St. Joseph game. His comment that the players seemed to be having fun could make the Panthers even more dangerous.

There is nothing quite as dangerous as a team that has no talent and almost no expectations and is having a good time. The Panthers have nothing to lose this season, and a lot of teams may be penciling in wins before them. Bad idea. Berkeley is another team that could use the underdog status to win some games and make it to the NCS Division I boys' playoffs this season.

The Yellowjackets lost to De La Salle the other night in a game they could have, maybe even should have won. Berkeley has more talent than De La Salle, but the team has gone through so many changes since the start of the season that things are not quite in sync.

What was a good sign was the cheer the players gave in the locker room after the loss. They had every reason to be down, but instead looked at the positive side of the game. They have the ability to beat the Spartans at any time they even might. With St. Mary's going down in Division IV, there are only four teams left in the Northern Coast Section. Berkeley could be able to get back to the playoffs.

In girls' hoops Berkeley is off a 14-1 record. If everyone stays healthy and improves, this basketball team has State Championship all over it.

There isn't a player on the team who doesn't contribute and anyone will tell you, a good coach involved in backing up a strong starting squad is the description to success.

Berkeley's defense shut De La Salle down to 15 points in the first three quarters. The Cougars came out even with most of the teams in the area. That puts Berkeley ahead of many of the teams and there are no better Division I teams in Northern California. The Jackets should be in the Bay Valley Athletic League and have no problem winning the NCS title for a trip to NorCal. The team must keep its head out of the clouds, however, and stick to fundamental basketball if it plans to go any further.

## Berkeley the BVAL team to beat

## Defense shuts down defending league champs

By Peter Mentor

Nothing is sweeter than beating the top team in the league, unless you are the top team in the league beating the closest opponent in front of a huge crowd at your opponents' home gym.

Berkeley knocked off Carondelet 51-34 in its Bay Val-

ley Athletic League opener to take a giant step toward winning the BVAL this season.

Carondelet won the league last year, pulling the title out of the grips of the Yellowjackets after its four-year stay in Berkeley.

This year Berkeley holds the edge early and the next meeting of these teams in Berkeley on Feb. 1 starts the second half of the season.

Berkeley, playing in front of a large crowd that came to see the retirement of former Cougar player Lexy Tamony's number,

got off to a slow start offensively in a 7-6 first quarter.

The Jackets took the Cougars and the crowd out of the game with a ferocious defense that held Carondelet to just 10 points in the first half.

Berkeley was up by 14 points at halftime and the Jackets led 37-15 after three quarters, holding Carondelet to 6 or fewer points in each of those three periods.

Carondelet used a 19-15 scoring edge in the fourth quarter to cut into the lead, but it was nothing for Berkeley to worry about in

this lopsided victory.

"We just played fantastic defense," said Berkeley coach Gene Nakamura.

"It was probably the best defense in a half I've ever seen one of my teams play. We used the zone press, went to man-to-man and then used full-court man pressure. We made them force just about every shot."

Nakamura said his game plan was to make Carondelet players shoot from where they were uncomfortable by moving into their

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## Number play: Jackets get state ranking

State girls' basketball rankings are out, and Berkeley is rated 18th overall and 10th among the Division I teams in the state and seventh overall against NorCal teams.

Those are decent rankings, except the Yellowjackets are placed below Campolindo at 13th overall.

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## Panthers hang with the Pilots



St. Mary's Mike Dade goes up and over a teammate and a pair of Pilots to snag a rebound

Jeff Lindquist

## But powerhouse team claims victory

By Scott Kaplan

If the St. Mary's High basketball season turns out to be a success, many will no doubt point to last Monday's 71-65 loss to powerhouse St. Joseph as the turning point.

In a non-league match-up pitting the two Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League foes, the visiting Panthers put together a game effort after getting off to an ominous start in which they trailed 16-1.

St. Mary's (5-10 overall, 0-

**"We hung with these guys ...we can hang with anybody"**

—MIKE DADE, ST. MARY'S

1 in the ACCAL) struggled in pre-season, and the Panthers lost their league opener last Friday to St. Elizabeth.

However, the Panthers' ability to play with a team of the caliber

St. Joseph, ranked seventh in Northern California, has to be a major morale booster.

"We hung with these guys (the Pilots), and they're supposed to be all good, which says we can hang with anybody," said St. Mary's forward Mike Dade, who scored 11 points and pulled 11 rebounds. "We can do anything as long as we work hard."

In a losing cause St. Mary's senior guard Jeff Addiego had

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## Jackets miss chance to beat De La Salle

By Peter Mentor

Berkeley had one of its best chances in years to beat league rival De La Salle, but a set play, with 8.3 seconds left, never materialized and the Yellowjackets fell 44-41 in their Bay Valley Athletic League in boys' basketball opener Friday in Berkeley.

This was a case where the referees' views of the game may have made a difference at the end. Berkeley was down by three and had the ball one final time in a chance to tie the game.

Berkeley coach Jesse Gossett had his team call a timeout so he could set up the final play. He wanted his team to work the perimeter and set up long-range shooter Danny Gipsman to take a 3-pointer shot to tie it.

After the timeout Gipsman went to check into the game, but the referee told him had not reported in time, and instead of wasting a timeout Berkeley decided to go with the personnel on the floor.

Ambrester got the inbound pass and dish to Donte Lane, who passed it right back to Ambrester.

Ambrester tried to carve his

way into the lane from the right side and then kick it out for the three, but he fell to the floor and the ball rolled into Spartan hands.

De La Salle ran out the clock for the victory and Berkeley had to settle for the loss.

## Hits the floor

Some thought Ambrester tripped, others thought he fell, but a closer look at the game tape revealed another factor: he was pushed. "I thought he had tripped, but when I looked at the films it was clear he was pushed to the floor," said Gossett, who had a clear view from his own bench.

"We got hammered inside. I don't like to complain about the officials, but it was a lopsided officials-type game. That was just one side of the game, but he was pushed and there was no call." Berkeley ended up 0-1 in the BVAL, 6-8 overall, while De La Salle went to 1-0 in league, 6-9 overall.

Gossett had to console his players in the locker room after the game, and loud clapping showed they were ready to put this loss

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## Another romp for EC

## Talented basketball team now 11-2

By Scott Kaplan

Contests featuring the El Cerrito Gauchos and their Bay Area opponents have had just about as much drama as an episode of Models Inc.

Last Friday El Cerrito started off the ACCAL boys' season like gangbusters, waxing the hosting Piedmont Scots 82-47.

It was the Gauchos' sixth win in as many tries against foes from the Bay Area this season. El Cerrito has beaten Castlemont, Pinole Valley, Skyline, Montgomery, Berkeley and Piedmont by an average of 20 points.

The Gauchos (11-2 overall, 1-0 in the ACCAL) have won 10 straight since their overtime loss to nationally ranked St. Raymonds of New York.

Raymond King led a balanced Gaucho attack against Piedmont with 10 points and nine assists.

Davood Asgari had 16 points, while Damon Lee and Maceo Thomas scored 15 and 13 respectively.

Marcel Davis and Asgari led the El Cerrito on the boards with seven rebounds apiece. El Cerrito recorded 36 team rebounds.

Asgari's season-high point tally — for the second straight game — had to be the most pleasing aspect of El Cerrito's onslaught. Earlier in the year Asgari had been playing in the shadows of transfers Lee and Davis, but now the 6-foot-5 forward is getting the ball more often and in turn is coming through.

"I'm getting more opportunities," said Asgari. "There are all these new cats coming in (Davis, Lee and Matt Johnson), but now I'm getting more chances to show what I can do."

The Gauchos took command of the game early, jumping out to a

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## Albany girls yield ACCAL opener to Salesian at buzzer

By Peter Mentor

Albany had everything in its favor to win the Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League girls' basketball opener against Salesian Friday, but it didn't happen.

The Cougars stole the ball and scored with six seconds left for a 1-point lead, leaving the Chieftains with little time and talent to make a comeback.

Salesian, winless coming into the game, had to drive the length of the court and score without three starters who had all fouled out.

The Chieftains did get the ball up the court, and Marion Adono was able to drive the baseline and score at the buzzer, sending the

Cougars to a 52-51 loss.

That ending took away what had been a nice comeback for Albany and dropped the Cougars to 4-4 overall, 0-1 in the ACCAL.

Salesian climbed to 1-10 overall, 1-0 in league to tie for first place with six other teams in the ACCAL.

"I blew it," said Albany coach David De Hart. "I let them drive the baseline and throw up the ball."

De Hart didn't play, but he felt it was his fault that he didn't tell his players to press on defense on the final drive.

Albany didn't press at the start of the game, and Salesian put together a 20-9 run in the second

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## Soccer Roundup

By Peter Mentor

## BERKELEY BOYS

Berkeley boys' soccer was able to get a game in between the rain storms against De La Salle, but the outcome was a soggy 2-1 loss on the plastic turf field at Berkeley last Thursday.

The two teams played to a scoreless tie through the first half, but De La Salle's Rob Della Santina scored three minutes into the second half for the 1-0 lead.

That scored remained firm for another nine minutes of play until Della Santina scored again for the 2-0 Spartan lead.

Berkeley finally found the net

two minutes later as Oscar Larson popped a shot past De La Salle keeper Adrian Brown, cutting the lead in half. Remy Tennant got an assist on the play.

The Jackets played harder in the second half, but could not get the equalizer and fell to 0-3-3 overall, 0-1-1 in the Bay Valley Athletic League.

De La Salle climbed to 6-4 overall and is undefeated at 2-0 in the BVAL.

Berkeley goalie Ryan Gates had nine saves in the match and Jacket defender John McClung saved a goal in the first half.

## BERKELEY GIRLS

Berkeley had a 1-0 lead in the first half against Carondelet, but the Cougars scored twice in the second half to take away the 2-1 BVAL win last Friday in Concord.

"We were ahead 1-0 at halftime and we tried to hang on," said Berkeley coach Karen Huether. "It was a really great game."

Berkeley had a bye day Tuesday and was scheduled to play at home against Liberty Friday afternoon at 3:30.



Panthers

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a fine game, scoring 19 points while dishing out four assists.

Fellow Panther guard Nate Frapp added 17 points, while sophomore center Brenden Cook pulled nine rebounds. Cook and Sam Sims pitched in with 6 points each.

St. Mary's took its first lead of the game at 31-30 in the opening minute of the second half.

Quickly the Pilots regained the advantage, though a precarious one at 41-40, before they went on a 10-2 run over the next minute and half to take control of contest.

St. Joseph led 55-47 entering the fourth.

While the Panthers narrowed things at 57-55 midway through the final period, the Pilots pulled away, leading by as many as 9 points before St. Mary's cut into the final margin.

"What we're trying to do is grow this team for the playoffs, and they're starting make some progress," said Panther coach Restelli Brown. "It's starting to come together. They're starting to feel each other out, they're moving the ball well, and they're starting to show some enthusiasm."

"But I think more importantly

they're enjoying what they're doing, and I could see that in their play tonight."

The Panthers assuredly weren't feeling too jolly early as they fell behind 18-8 after one quarter.

Behind the strength of a swarming full-court press St. Joseph forced 15 Panther turnovers in the first half.

St. Mary's responded after the Pilots called off the press, outscoring the hosts 19-12 in the second quarter.

For the Pilots, junior guard Tyman Small scored a game-high 22 points. Freshman Ray Young added 11 points, while sophomores Jules Milstead and Joe Barker had 9.

Although this was a game between two league opponents, it does not count in the ACCAL standings and should be viewed as just another non-league game.

St. Mary's does play St. Joseph in a regularly scheduled league match at home Jan. 27, the midpoint of the league season.

The Panthers were scheduled to resume league play at Salesian Wednesday night and they play at home against Bishop O'Dowd this Friday (7 p.m. tipoff) before heading to Albany Tuesday afternoon at 4 p.m.

Gauchos

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22-6 lead after a quarter. In the second quarter Piedmont narrowed its deficit to 12, but an 11-3 run by the Gauchos gave El Cerrito a decisive 20-point half-time lead.

"It was a good team effort, everybody played well today," said Raymond King. "If we play hard and blow everybody out, hopefully that will prepare us for the two tough teams in league (St. Joseph and O'Dowd)."

Although he scored just 6 points, Davis had a fine game on the defensive end. The 6-foot-7 Davis matched up against Piedmont's all-ACCAL center Eric Forrest and held the junior to

just 6 points at halftime.

Forrest finished with 19, but most of the damage he did occurred in garbage time. Bryan Saalfeld added 9 points for the Scots and forward Garrett Roll pitched in 8 points.

The loss for Piedmont drops the Scots to 7-6 overall, 0-1 in the ACCAL. Last year Piedmont went 19-8 before dropping back-to-back 1-point affairs to Albany and Fortuna in the ACCAL and NCS playoffs.

El Cerrito is back in league action tomorrow versus Encinal High of Alameda. Game time Friday in Alameda is 7 p.m. The Gauchos played this past Tuesday at Richmond.

Albany

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quarter for a 29-19 lead at half-time. The Cougars used a defensive press in the second half and were able to cut the lead to 4 by the fourth quarter.

Salesian lost three starters in the fourth quarter to foul trouble and their exit cut out a third of the Chieftains' scoring potential.

Albany chipped away at the lead, and the Cougars were finally able to go ahead on a steal and a basket.

It looked like the Cougars would come out with the victory, but Adono, who paced the Chieftain offense by scoring 20 points, was able to find a gap on the baseline and score the game-winner as time expired.

The loss spoiled a good scoring night for Veronica Cursch, who shared game-high scoring honors with Adono at 20 points, while Jessie Wofsy scored 11 points in the loss.

Albany may have lost at the buzzer, but better free throw shooting could have prevented such a close game. The Cougars shot an

anemic 15-for-29 from the line.

Albany is in for tough times ahead in the near future. The Cougars were scheduled to play at home against defending leaguer champion Bishop O'Dowd Tuesday and then travel to De Anza Friday.

De Anza surprised a lot of people by beating O'Dowd 47-45 last Friday in the league opener for those two teams.

The Dragons came into the game Tuesday at 11-4 overall, 0-1 in league, while De Anza was 6-7 overall, 1-0 in the ACCAL before facing Encinal Tuesday.

Albany plays at undefeated Holy Names next Tuesday against the team that is most likely to win the league title this season.

Holy Names (14-0 coming into this week) is the premier team in the league and maybe in the area. Last Friday the Monarchs defeated St. Elizabeth 62-53 in their league opener. Like De Anza, Holy Names has a big player in 6-foot-2 Denise Woods, a transfer from El Cerrito who has turned Holy Names into a powerhouse.

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positions before they could set up.

"We wanted to make their girls go to a different spot," said Nakamura. "We wanted to beat them to their low post."

Maruwa Ngumezi was glued to 6-2 Carondelet center Jaclyn Menton, shadowing her every move and making those moves even before Menton could.

When Ngumezi picked up some fouls along with Kym Ford and the two had to sit through much of the second quarter, Nakamura was able to bring in his bench, and there was never a drop in the consistency of play by the Jackets.

In came Zoe Bartholomew, Ryaja Johnson, Deonna Sayles and 6-2 sophomore Shavaki Jackson, who took Ngumezi's place putting a wrench in Menton's offensive motor.

While the Cougars' offense was stalled like a big storm off the coast, Berkeley was raining in points from all over the court.

The Jackets had even scoring led by Jennifer DeBellis' 14 points and 10 points each from Tiffany Green and Tejuanya Tolbert.

Tolbert did a great job contain-

ing Cougar shooter Amy McClure, who scored only four field goals and got the rest of her game-high 17 points from the free throw line.

Ngumezi crashed the boards for 11 rebounds and tossed in 6 points, while Green dished five assists and had three steals in this walk-over.

The high moment on offense came on an incredible shot by Green that finally put a spark in the almost silent gym.

Carondelet's gymnasium was filled to capacity with the retirement of former player Lexi Tamony's number, and the huge deficit silenced the mostly hometown crowd.

Green stole the ball and went in for a lay-up, but was being blocked from the basket by a Cougar defender.

Instead of going in for the foul, Green went behind her back with the ball and laid it into the net. The crowd went crazy.

"At halftime it was like a funeral," said Nakamura.

Berkeley raised its record to 14-1 overall, 1-0 in the BVAL, while Carondelet dipped to 10-3 overall, 0-1 in league.

Rankings

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first among Division IV teams in the state and fifth in Northern California.

Of course, those rankings are done by writers in Southern California who haven't seen these teams play, and even the local papers have not given Berkeley much respect.

While these two teams don't play each other, they do have a common opponent in Carondelet.

Carondelet's first loss was by 9 points to Campolindo. Then the Cougars dropped a pair of games to Moreau Catholic (by 6) and Bishop O'Dowd (by 8) at O'Dowd's Hilltop Classic near the end of the preseason.

Berkeley beat Carondelet by 17 points, and the Jackets' only loss came against De Anza, which definitely knocked Berkeley down a notch.

However, that was when Ber-

keley was playing with a team in chaos, and since then De Anza has a 2-point win over O'Dowd.

Campolindo lost to a state titlist in Delaware, which gives them the edge in poll voting.

Berkeley coach Gene Nakamura is hoping his team does not get cocky from the record or the rankings, because it means little to him as far as making it to the CIF State Championship.

In the 1989-90 season his Jacket team went 31-2, including a loss in the title game to Morningside. The year before, with a 30-2 record, the Jackets beat the same team in the finals.

That's why Nakamura had his team busting even harder in practice this week, getting ready for the game Wednesday against Liberty and the upcoming home games against Antioch Friday and Pittsburg on Tuesday.

"We need to improve a lot,"

said Nakamura. "I really got on them about riding on our laurels. I see Pittsburg and Antioch as possible threats. I thought the serious threat would be Carondelet, and they still might be

Jackets

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behind them. "I told my kids it's been a hard season, but don't get down," said Gossett. "It's the first game of the league and we're just trying to keep everybody up. It's a young season and everybody we've played, they are somebody." It definitely hurts Berkeley's chances of winning the BVAL this season, especially since the Jackets will have to play at De La Salle in the second meeting between the teams.

This game showed Berkeley has a lot of heart and some talent to stay in the game, although either team could have won this one.

The first half was marked by

three distinct runs, two from La Salle to start and end the quarter and one by Berkeley to make close in the middle.

The Spartans finished the half with a 7-0 run to regain lead at 23-19 going into the break.

De La Salle led for most of third quarter, but Berkeley had own 8-0 run to go up 33-30 entering into the fourth quarter.

Berkeley was scheduled to Liberty Tuesday. The Jackets' their first BVAL road game Antioch Friday at 7 p.m.

Next Tuesday Berkeley heads to Pittsburg, then comes home following Friday against Pittsburg Valley.



Berkeley's Tiffany Green is an example of effort that led to a 14-1 record.

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## East Bay Events This Week



Anderson, left, plays an architect whose life is disrupted by an unending visit from a nerdy friend to whom he owes his life, in 'The Nerd.' Eileen Smith, right, is also featured in the play, which opens Friday at CCCT.

## CCCT presents 'The Nerd'

Tomorrow Contra Costa Civic Theatre begins its run of Larry Cane's comedy *The Nerd*. Architect Willum Cubbert (Ron Anderson) arrives for an indefinite stay and turns out to be socially inept, intelligent and tactless. Cubbert finds himself contemplating violence. The cast also includes Ev Alexander, Sam Black, Michael Kirk, Dory Ehrlich, George Moffatt and Eileen Smith. Betsy Ringer directs.

*The Nerd* will play at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays through Feb. 25, Sunday matinees at 2 p.m. on Feb. 5, 12 and 19. All performances at the CCCT theater, 951 Pomona Ave., El Cerrito. Tickets are \$10 (youth). Call 524-9132 for reservations.

## Cantatas from American Bach Soloists

Jeffrey Thomas conducts the American Bach Soloists Choir, three of the best-loved cantatas of J.S. Bach—"Ein feste Burg" (A Mighty Fortress), "Jesu, der du meine Seele" (Jesus, who has brought me to freedom) and "Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme" (Sleepers Awake)—as well as his Orchestral Suite No. 1 in C Major. Soloists in cantatas are soprano Catherine Bott, counter-tenor Daniel Taylor, tenor Jeffrey Thomas and bass William Sharp. The program is presented three times (Jan. 13 to 15) but only once in the East Bay—at 8 p.m. Sunday at the First Congregational Church, Dana at Durant, Berkeley. Tickets are \$16 to \$30. Call (415) 435-5235 for reservations for details about the other performances, which take place in Medford and San Francisco.

## Chamber Music Sundae offers Brahms

The Chamber Music Sundae series, which consists of concerts performed in the East Bay by a changing cast of members of the San Francisco Symphony, presents a program at 3 p.m. Sunday at the Julia Morgan Theater, 2640 College Ave., Berkeley. The program consists of an Euterpe Bassoon Sonata by bassoonist Steven Paulin, the premiere of Bernard Rindel's Concert Sonata and Brahms' Piano Quartet in A major. Tickets, available at the door, cost \$13 (\$10 seniors/students). Call (415) 584-5946 for reservations or more details.

## Bobbe Norris and Larry Dunlap come to the Maybeck

Localist Bobbe Norris will be joined by pianist Larry Dunlap for a recital at 4 p.m. Sunday at the Maybeck Recital Hall. Bobbe's understated, natural style is underscored by Larry's swing and harmonic imagination, which have supported Mark Murphy, Cleo Laine and many others. Tickets are \$20. Reservations required; call 848-3228. The hall is at 1537 Euclid Ave., Berkeley.



Pianist Larry Dunlap and vocalist Bobbe Norris perform Sunday at Berkeley's Maybeck Recital Hall.

## Kronos Quartet plays at Kimball's

The Kronos Quartet, the string quartet that has devoted itself to performances of the newest and most innovative music, comes to Kimball's East this weekend. The program consists entirely of works written by the ensemble—David Sheinfeld's String Quartet No. 2, Ken Ben-Dor's *Sorrow's Shadows*, Elliot Carter's *Fragment*, Peter Sculthorpe's *Ubirr*, Philip Glass' Quartet No. 5 and Frangiz Ali-Zadeh's *Sam Sayagi*. The quartet will give performances at both 8 p.m. and 10 p.m. tomorrow, Saturday and Sunday at Kimball's, which is at 5800 Almond St., Emeryville. Admission is \$18. Call 658-2555 for reservations.

## Renaissance music for mid-winter

Hausmusik, an early-music ensemble, presents "Twelfth Night," a program of medieval, Renaissance and traditional music for mid-winter to the British Isles and colonial America. The performers are Elisabeth Engan, soprano; Neal Rogers, tenor; Eileen Hadidian, recorder and flute; Shira Kammien, violin, vielle and harp; Julie Jeffrey, viola da gamba; and David Morris, viola da gamba and lute. The performance is at 8 p.m. Saturday at St. Alban's Episcopal Church, 1501 Washington St. (near Solano and Santa Fe), Albany. Tickets are \$16 (\$14 seniors/students/Albany residents), which includes refreshments. Reservations are suggested. Call 524-5661 for reservations or for more details.

More events

## 'Last of the Suns'—

## When generations and cultures clash

Alice Tuan's new play intertwines symbols with comic types

By Don McConnell

Watching *The Last of the Suns*, the Alice Tuan play being presented by Berkeley Repertory Theatre, I was struck by the endurance of that most American of genres, the assimilation drama.

A generation ago, it told the story of children growing up in America with parents shaped by the hardships of Eastern Europe (with a subcategory, dominated by *The Godfather*, for parents from Italy).

As the body of Chinese-American literature grows larger and richer, it sometimes seems that assimilation is its only subject. Within a year, the Rep has given us two plays that explore conflicts between Chinese-born parents and California-born children.

## Stage

The parallels between *Woman Warrior* (an adaptation of two Maxine Hong Kingston novels) and Tuan's *Last of the Suns* are many, and some scenes are nearly the same. For example, in both plays, the young woman who represents the author confronts her parents, insisting with something close to hysteria that they tell her their "stories."

In neither play is the confrontation very successful dramatically—both young women seem more exercised by the question than seems reasonable, and in neither case can the parents respond with the kind of cathartic stories that meet the dramatic need.

But it seems clear that the confrontation is a central one to the Asian-American experience. It seems that when you cross enough lines—generational, cultural, financial—you end up with parents who feel that their experience, their wisdom, is meaningless to their children.

Judging from the writing of Kingston and Tuan, and others, the result is almost equally disorienting to the children.

This, then, is the big theme of Tuan's play, and she has created a situation and set of characters that let her comment on it with some complexity.

The play takes place in the San Fernando Valley home of the Sun family, which consists of a father, a mother, a teenage son, a daughter in her 20s, and a grandfather who turns 100 as the play opens.

The cultural/generational conflict is played out between the parents and the daughter. In a device that echoes the chess-champion daughter of *Joy Luck Club*, daughter Twila had been a champion ice skater, and her success gave meaning to her mother's life. Having dropped that career and staying away from

home for five years, Twila returns home as a pariah, and she and her parents rant at each other throughout the play.

The son and the grandfather have no part in this conflict, the son because he is completely Americanized, the grandfather because he lives in a world of Chinese memories.

These two fringe characters are by far the most original and interesting part of the play, and it's frustrating that they are so marginal to its intellectual thrust. The grandfather, especially, dominates most of the action, yet at the end of the play, it seems that his pur-

### These parents fear that their experience and wisdom have no meaning to their children.

pose for being included is partly to add color and partly to act as a symbol.

Sab Shimono is quite wonderful as the grandfather, the "last of the Suns," a former Kuomintang general utterly alienated from his current surroundings and constantly pleading with Buddha to let him die.

Tuan has a great facility with symbols, and General Sun's near deafness and near blindness is an obvious but effective expression of his isolation. Another is his comic inability to operate the family's microwave oven.

But in his own world, General Sun is entirely in possession of his senses. As in *The Woman Warrior*, the world of the imagination comes to life and takes the stage. When the general prays for death, a reclining bodhisattva appears at the back of the stage, painted gold like a temple figure.

This Buddha incarnation, though, is a supercilious and outrageous one (suavely played by Alberto Isaac). When the general dismisses him, accusing him of buying his way to salvation, the figure points out that it took enlightenment to know whom to bribe and how much to offer.

## Enter the monkey and pig

The general really comes to life, however, when two comic figures from Chinese folklore appear. Monkey King and Eight Pig are only visible to humans soon to die, and the general greets them with joy. The audience was equally delighted, since they appear in a cloud of smoke at the top of the theater, descending on cables.

The two are slapstick creatures, like commedia dell'arte characters (or, closer to home,



Sab Shimono (front) is a 100-year-old Kuomintang general, Jacqueline Kim his ice-skating granddaughter, in Alice Tuan's 'Last of the Suns,' playing through Jan. 27 at Berkeley Rep.

like Bugs Bunny or Daffy Duck). It takes them a while to locate the general, and Eight Pig sits down on a park bench to find a bag of fried pork rinds. That gives him a jolt ("If you live long enough, you end up eating yourself," he says inanely), but he starts munching them nonetheless.

(These folk characters are not so remote from our experience as the program notes suggest. They appear every week on subtitled Chinese TV as part of the endless serial *Journey to the West*.)

The monkey and the pig bounce on and off the stage throughout the play, enlivening the action (and hilariously portrayed by Michael Ordoña and Kelvin Han Yee).

Another character visible only to the general is less successful—May Lee, one of the general's former concubines who has now been designated his death muse. The general must make love to her in order to die.

May Lee and the granddaughter (both are played by Jacqueline Kim) are tied by a clever but

unconvincing piece of symbolism. Apparently the general had this concubine's feet bound, not because the cruel traditional practice excited his ardor but out of curiosity. Her bitterness at this led her to refuse to serve the general, both in the past and now.

Her feet are bound in ice skates. The symbolism is easy to interpret—the general's cruel dominance of his concubine is echoed by his daughter-in-law's forcing her daughter to spend all of her time practicing to be a skating champion. But the parallel could have been achieved without giving us the incongruous sight of a Chinese harem maiden in figure skates.

The concubine's character is weak in other ways, and I suspect that even a stronger actress than Kim would have trouble with some of the scenes given her.

## An original portrait of evil

A maddening annoyance the general may be to his family, but when we are exposed to his full

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## Head-Royce School exhibits new paintings by Neal Parks

Oakland's Head-Royce School, a private grade school, has joined colleges in the region in holding exhibitions of the work of adult artists. In the past, the school has featured works by alumni, faculty or parents, but it is currently hosting a solo show of recent works by Berkeley painter Neal Parks, and for the first time, the school is inviting the public at large.

A native of Michigan who was raised in rural Connecticut and trained at New York's Pratt Institute and Michigan's Cranbrook Academy of Art, Parks has taught art to children, both as a private instructor and at Connecticut's exclusive Pomfret School.

But he himself lists another part of his resume as more influential to his painting—that is, the time he spent as a health and sanitation worker with the U.S. Peace Corps in West Africa. His experience of the Sahara Desert, as well as of the New Mexico desert, is evidenced, he believes, in his

depictions of expansive spaces.

"The Bay Area's open expanses of water, sky and undulating hills and mountains has also made an impact," he writes.

Parks' paintings are intricate explorations of light and color influenced by 19th and 20th century modernism—combining the atmospheric light quality of Monet, the ethereal, spiritual qualities of Rothko, and the intense, active process of Pollock.

Before his show opened, Park gave a lecture to Head-Royce students. Their response to his show has been so strong that the school has invited him to lecture again—this time about his own work.

The show can be seen weekdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. through Feb. 17. A reception for Parks will be held from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Feb. 1.

Head-Royce School is at 4315 Lincoln Ave., Oakland. The show is in the building across from the headmaster's office. Call 531-1300 for more details.



Neal Parks poses in front of one of his paintings.



East Bay Events continued



Kristi Yamaguchi is one of the ice-skating stars appearing at the Coliseum tomorrow in 'Stars on Ice.'

Olympic skating medalists come to town

A host of stars from past Olympics comes to the Oakland Coliseum tomorrow at 8 p.m. as part of Discover Card's "Stars on Ice."

The line-up includes Kristi Yamaguchi, Scott Hamilton, Katarina Witt, Paul Wylie, Kurt Browning and Rosalynn Summers, as well as the skating pairs of Ekaterina Gordeeva & Sergei Grinkov, Elena Bechke & Denis Petrov, Christine Hough & Doug Ladret and Natalia Annenko & Genrich Sretenski.

A dollar from each ticket (\$2 if you charge tickets on a Discover Card) goes to Make-a-Wish Foundation, which grants wishes to children with serious illnesses. Tickets cost \$22.50 to \$37.50 and are available by calling 762-BASS.

This is a chance to see champion skaters without the annoying commentary you can't escape on TV.

Crowden School offers children's concert

The Crowden School presents a children's concert at 3 p.m. Sunday in a benefit for the school's scholarship fund. The program consists of the fairy tale "Rumpelstiltskin," performed to the music of Tchaikovsky's *Rococo Variations*, and Mussorgsky's *Pictures at an Exhibition*.

The narrator is Scott Beach. The music will be performed by pianist Roy Bogas and cellist Sharon Bogas.

The afternoon includes a raffle drawing for prizes donated by photographers Deborah O'Grady, Richard Misrach and Debra Bloomfield. The concert is at the University Christian Church, 2401 Le Conte St., Berkeley. Tickets are \$8 (\$3 children). Call 644-2299 for reservations.

Children's shows at La Peña Center

La Peña Cultural Center is offering a series of Saturday morning children's shows the next three weekends. This Saturday, the program features soprano Juanita Ulloa in original songs and traditional favorites from Latin America.

On Jan. 21, Bob Reid, kids' radio host from Santa Cruz, sings and leads a sing-along for kids of all ages.

On Jan. 28, the Plum City Players (Ann Hershey, Bonnie Lockhart and Nancy Shimmel) sing songs and tell stories to welcome in the new year.

All shows are at 10:30 a.m. and cost \$3 (\$2 for kids). The center is at 3105 Shattuck Ave. (at Woolsey), Berkeley. Call 849-2568 for more details.

Clavion Quartet plays Schumann, Mozart

The Trinity Chamber Concert Series continues Sunday at 4 p.m. with a performance by the Clavion Quartet (Candace Guirao, violin; Kurt Rohde, viola; Leighton Fong, cello; and Ruth Butterfield, piano).

The program consists of works by Schumann, Mozart and Rohde. The concert takes place at Trinity Chapel, 2320 Dana St., Berkeley. Admission is by donation—\$8 (\$5 seniors/students) is suggested. Call 549-3864 for details.

Balinese shadow puppets in Berkeley

The recently opened Bay Area Puppet Playhouse presents Larry Reed's Shadow Play Theatre Company in a single performance at 8 p.m. tomorrow.

Reed is one of the few Westerners to be trained as a Balinese *dalang*, or puppeteer, in the *Wayang Kulit*, or Balinese shadow play. The art form blends high drama, improvisation and slapstick comedy, using elaborately articulated puppets whose shadows are thrown on a screen.

The shadow play is accompanied by a gamelan, which is an ensemble of Balinese percussionists.

Tickets are \$10 (\$6 for children). The playhouse is at 2353-C San Pablo Ave., Berkeley. Call 644-0715 for more details.

Jan. 21 auditions for Piedmont Boys Choir

The Piedmont Boys Choir will hold auditions Saturday, Jan. 21. The auditions are open to boys from 7 to 10 years old who live in the East Bay. No musical experience is necessary. Call 547-4441 for an appointment.

The choir has beginning, intermediate and performing groups. The performing group goes on an international tour most years.

Classes, held in Piedmont, include music theory and voice. There are tuition and uniform fees; scholarships are available.

'Women': humane, gorgeous, intelligent

The bottom line is that everyone should run out and see 'Little Women.'

By Renata Polt

"We'll all grow up someday — we may as well know what we want," says Amy, the youngest of *Little Women's* March sisters.

Growing up (or resisting it), knowing what you want and finding a way to get it, all with the support of a close family and generous friends, are a few of the things Gillian Armstrong's loving and lovely recreation of Louisa May Alcott's 1868 novel is about.

Movies

Script writer Robin Swicord has slipped in some biographical touches from Alcott's own life (her parents were members of New England's Transcendental movement, abolitionists and teetotalers) and has slathered the feminist agenda on a bit heavily at times.

But I couldn't help forgiving all that in a film so intelligent, so humane, not to mention so gorgeous to look at, that it makes most of the past year's other films look crass and frantic.

The novel is familiar to any woman from the generations in which children still read books. The four March sisters, Meg, Jo, Beth and Amy, live with their mother Marmee in Concord, Mass., while Father March is off fighting the Civil War.

The film's Concord and, later, Greenwich Village, Paris and London are vividly evoked. The wintry New England scenes are especially enchanting, as are the houses, both grand and humble, like the Marches' own Orchard House.

Credit production designer Jan Roelfs (*Orlando*) with getting these important details just right.

"A temporary poverty had settled on our family," says Jo, the family rebel, tomboy, writer and organizer of theatricals. Winona Ryder plays Jo, who also narrates. Despite their poverty, the



The 'Little Women' with their mother: (clockwise from top) Trini Alvarado, Susan Sarandon, Claire Danes, Kirsten Dunst and Winona Ryder.

Marches carry their own Christmas dinner to a needier family, an example of the kind of "good works" that sometimes threaten to smother the story in Victorian moralizing.

'Little Women' makes most of the past year's other films look crass and frantic.

But the exuberant family portraits win out. Meg, the oldest, played by Trini Alvarado, is the most conventional; Beth, played by Claire Danes (the extraordinarily expressive star of the soon-to-be-cancelled TV series, *My So-Called Life*), is the frail musician.

Amy (played as a child by

Kirsten Dunst, the curly-haired baby vampire of *Interview With the Vampire*, and as a young woman by Samantha Mathis) is a romantic, willful artist. Marmee (Susan Sarandon), the ideal mother, holds them all together.

If Father (Matthew Walker) doesn't play a significant role in the story, others males do. The rich boy next door, Laurie (Christian Bale), becomes Jo's best friend, and his grandfather (John Neville) the family's benefactor.

The philosophy teacher who shapes Jo's ideas about her writing — with her penchant for gore and vampires, she seems to have been born a century or so too soon — is beautifully played by Gabriel Byrne, German accent and all.

I don't know whether contemporary "little women" will be able to identify with a girl who says she's "desperate for drawing pencils" or appreciate the signifi-

cance of a young man's pool a young woman's glove.

But the film's real theme, person trying to be herself, she's found out who that she couldn't be any more univ-

I've been telling every run out and see *Little Women*

Landmark Theatres

Friday, January 13 — Thursday, January 19

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Beethoven 9th to open OEBS 1995 season

The Oakland East Bay Symphony opens its 1995 "classical music season" Jan. 20 with a performance of Beethoven's Symphony No. 9.

OEBS music director Michael Morgan will conduct the orchestra, which will be joined by the Oakland Symphony Chorus and the California State University, Hayward Singers.

The soloists will be soprano Jennifer Green, mezzo-soprano Sally Munro, tenor Julian Levant and bass David Tigner.

The program also includes *Crosscurrents* by local composer Anthony M. Kelley. Kelley has studied with composers Thomas Oboe Lee, Philip Glass and others, and has received grants or commissions from ASCAP, the National Association of Negro Musicians and the American Academy of Arts and Letters.

The concert, at 8 p.m., Friday, Jan. 20, is at the Paramount Theatre. Tickets are \$10 to \$30. Tickets for the four-concert season are \$32 to \$96. Call 465-6400.

The concert will be repeated at 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 22, at the University Theatre at Cal State Hayward. Tickets are \$18 and can be charged by calling 881-4299.

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# Suns

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acter, we realize that he was far worse than that. He is a whose high stature grew out his ruthlessness, his willingness to kill without pity.

What is riveting is that we are sent a villain not due to psychological defect but by being the product of a different time and place—a true dinosaur.

The play comes to its shocking climax when the death muse/condemner becomes confused in the general's mind with his grandfather. He tries to rape her, and beats him to death with his cane. Remarkably—and this is the greatest weakness of the play—we are expected to regard the development as a liberation for both people involved. The general is dead at last, which is what we thought; his granddaughter goes to the front of the stage and declares that she has been raped at last.

Thus does the theme of the play—the author's search for her identity—emerge again. Are we

to accept that she has shaken off the negative aspects of Chinese culture in the act of killing her grandfather? I think we are, but this is one of the reasons why the friend who saw the play with me had trouble believing I liked it.

Indeed, I did like it, but I do think that Tuan needs to realize

## The symbolic connection between foot binding and ice skating is strained.

that the clever use of symbols doesn't excuse discontinuities of dramatic flow. The general's attempt at rape is justified by his character; his murder cannot be so blithely dismissed.

Tuan has a real talent for comic types. The monkey and pig are two. The other members of the Sun family are equally one-dimensional—and very funny.

The son, Sonny, is a stereotype

that's been around since *Flower Drum Song*—a boy more American than any American. He's a steroid-using weight lifter with a short fuse, particularly when confronted by a grandfather who asks the same questions over and over and can't hear the answers unless they're shouted.

### Shades of Bill Murray

Sean San José Blackman plays Sonny in the style that Bill Murray perfected in *Ghostbusters*—someone so comfortable with his self-image that he cannot be fazed by the disapproval of others. When he and his father discover the dying general, Kenny starts to videotape the scene, losing his temper when his elders keep lapsing into Chinese.

The parents have even less variety. The mother is so angry that she soon seems comic; the father is a less-intense version of her. After separate scenes in which they rail at their children, the two appear together alone. I found myself laughing at the very prospect of a conversation between two people so bitter.

Sure enough, the mother describes walking into the house to find her long-lost daughter, whom she describes as "ugly as a demon," because of her bleached hair and punk dress.

Unlike Sonny, neither parent is given any lines that are overtly comic. The mother's tirades are realistic complaints about his disappointments with life. Yet they were greeted with laughter by the audience. My companion found



Ken Friedman

Monkey King (Michael Ordoña), left, and Eight Pig (Kelvin Han Yee), right, are figures from Chinese folklore who come to California to comfort a dying general. In their search for him, they meet his daughter-in-law, the embittered Ni Lee (Jeanne Sakata), in 'Last of the Suns.'

this disconcerting; I thought it a very skillful balancing act by the playwright.

(Jeanne Sakata plays the mother, Alberto Isaac the father; both were excellent.)

It's hard to give a snap summary of the play's quality. Many of the characters and scenes were

wonderfully realized; there were also moments that were confusing, even embarrassing. For me the former dominated by far, and I have no hesitation in saying that Alice Tuan is a playwright of very great promise.

*Last of the Suns*, directed by Phyllis S.K. Look, plays Tues-

days through Fridays at 8 p.m., Saturdays at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m., and Sundays at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m., through Jan. 27, at the Berkeley Repertory Theatre, 2025 Addison St., Berkeley.

Tickets are \$17 to \$21.50, with discounts available for some performances. Call 845-4700.

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Geoffrey's Inner Circle is located at 410-14th St. near Broadway. For further information, call 510/839-4644.

**DOUGH-NATION:** On Wednesday, January 18, Semifreddi's will celebrate its 10th anniversary by donating all of its sales that day to Project Open Hand. Since Semifreddi's offers 15 varieties of handmade bread at over 200 markets in the Bay Area, the contribution should total between \$12,000 and \$15,000 estimates co-owner Tom Frainer. "We'll be putting extra love into every loaf that goes out on the 18th," says Frainer. Project Open Hand provides meals with love for people with AIDS every day throughout the year.

**WEEKEND SCENE:** Kronos Quartet at Kimball's East... Tattoo Blue Friday and the Raymond Victor Band Saturday at the Baltic...Jazz Iguanas Friday and Delta Wires Saturday in the Terrace Lounge at the Claremont Resort...The Edlos Friday and the Gospel Hummingbirds Saturday at Freight & Salvage...The Dynatonies in the Sports Edition Bar at the Oakland Airport Hilton...The Move at the Ramada Hotel... West Express Friday and Gary Newman and Clifford Saturday at the Fat Lady.

McCoy Tyner Quartet featuring Michael Brecker at Yoshi's Nite-spot... Jim Brown at Scott's...Fredrico Cervantes at the Overland House...Hollywood & Co. with Beverly Watson Friday and Lloyd Gregory & Friends Saturday at the 5th Amendment...Terrell Prude and the Yancey Taylor Quartet Friday and the Yancey Taylor Quartet Saturday at Elsinor's Via Veneto...Larry Howe and Mark McGee from Vicious Rumors with Psycho Ward at John Patrick's.

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World Funny Car drag racing champ John Force, and George Barris, the acknowledged King of Kustom Kars, make personal appearances at this tribute to Ameri-

can motoring arts.

New, expanded show hours for the Oakland Roadster Show are 4-11 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday (January 18-19); noon to 11 p.m. Friday (January 20); 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday (January 21) and 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday.

Admission is \$11 for adults, \$9 for seniors (55 years and up), \$4 for kids (6 to 12) and free for kids 5 and under.

Force, 45, whose 4.93 second and 300.80 mph runs in the S000 hp Olds Castrol GTX are record

breakers in scorching all-out Funny Car quarter-mile fuel competition, greets fans 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. and 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Thursday, January 19.

Barris, who began customizing cars in the late '40s in Sacramento and whose works have been synonymous with not only Hollywood's "Cars of the Stars," but also with the entire American custom car movement, will autograph copies of his just-published biography (along with author David Fetherston) 7 to 9 p.m. Fri-

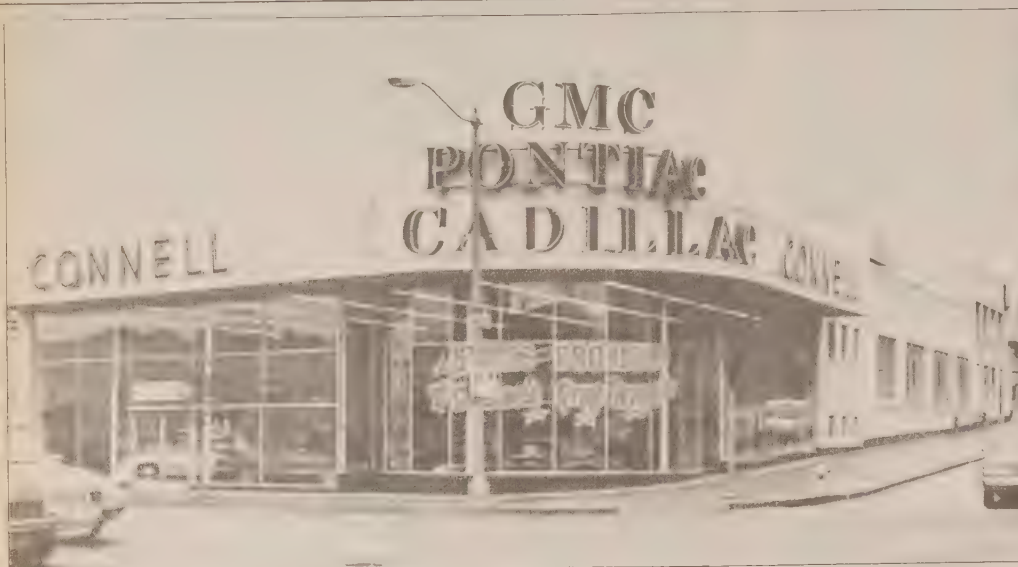
day and Saturday.

A dazzling array of street rods and creamy customs bearing the signature metallic hues and fade away shadow graphics of master painter Art Himsel, Concord, signify his honors as Roadster Show Builder of the Year. These coaches include his own radically-customized '58 Chev wagon in black and blue pearl and dove gray.

Master customizer, John d'Agostino, Antioch, will unveil a long, low, stretched '57 Lincoln, "The Royal Emperor," featuring a



George Barris with just a few of the thousands of creations bearing his signature -- some dating back to the '40's. The acknowledged King of Kustom Kars will be on hand to autograph a new biography on his life and cars, (by Seb author David Fetherston) between 7 and 9 p.m. Friday, Saturday nights, January 20 and 21 at the 46th edition of the Grand National Oakland Roadster Show.



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A parade of 18 hot rod roadsters, the rakish open-wheeled, open-cockpit street stormers associated with the birth of the American rodding movement, is led by Oakland metalsmith Steve Moal, whose pearl garnet '32 hi-boy features a custom steel convertible top and a stormin' 454 Chev engine by Cub Barnett.

The two-wheeled evolution and revolution is presented by bikes from San Leandro customizer Arlen Ness, one a take-off on the '57 Chev motif -- another his radical "Pepsi Bike" -- and new machines by Santa Cruz builder Bruce Canepa and a host of regional Harley specialists.

Trucks comprise a significant mix within the rodding theme, a number of all-new mini-trucks debut at Oakland, including Rod & Custom '29 Ford delivery (with state-of-the-art Jag suspension and Chevy engine), a '40 Ford pickup, a '40 Chev, and a white '29 Ford by Adam Knerschield of Lake.

Oakland also marks the public showing of the historic Black-Prudhomme fuel tank out of the '60s.

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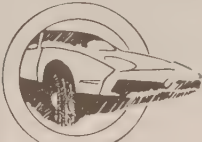
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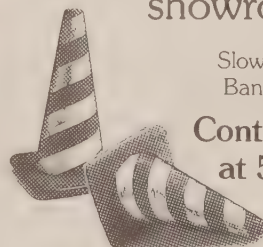
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**Newton's Apple:** Wouldn't you know it? The day after Newt Gingrich's mom told Connie Chung what Newt really said about Hillary Clinton, the entire sound bite was on the BMUG (Berkeley Macintosh Users' Group) bulletin board, ready for downloading. . . Speaking of computers, did you hear that Newt wants to give tax deductions to people on welfare so they can buy laptops? As if someone on welfare needs a tax deduction. . . Just when you think Bill Clinton can't screw it up any worse, he surprises you again. I refer to last week's presidential photo op: a hunting trip in Arkansas. Does Clinton really think a picture of him holding up a pair of dead ducks is the best image to be conveying these days? Shades of Michael Dukakis and the tank! . . . For all their differences, Bill and Newt have one thing in common: They were both adopted. When we have the upcoming national debate about orphanages, at least they'll be speaking from first-hand knowledge.

**Quote Of The Week:** There's a rich lode to draw from, but here are the three finalists:  
**Second runner-up:** Ex-Cal star Jason Kidd, who said of his new team, the Dallas Mavericks, "Now that I'm here, we'll turn this program around 360 degrees." Maybe he shouldn't have cut all those math classes.  
**First runner-up:** John Christo, friend of accused abortion clinic serial killer, John Salvi, who said, "There's nothing wrong with John whatsoever, other than he killed a couple of people."  
**And the winner:** Radio station KSFO, which issued this press release announcing its decision to fire all its left-wing talk show hosts and replace them with right-wingers: "People are sick of sniveling liberals and paralysis-by-political-correctness."

Let's get something straight: Despite the rhetoric, KSFO's move had nothing to do with ideology. It was strictly a marketing decision. The people who wrote this press release are the same people who hired the liberal deejays in the first place. If the liberals had been able to draw the ratings, you can bet we'd be reading equally self-righteous left-wing press releases.  
 The scariest part is that KSFO (along with KGO and Channel 7) is owned by CapCities/ABC, one of the biggest media conglomerates in the world. If the power brokers are so cynical that they're willing to manipulate political passions for commercial reasons, the republic is in bigger trouble than we thought.

**Taking The Cake:** Shortly after the Civil War broke out in 1861, a young man named D.O. Kelley heeded President Lincoln's call for volunteers and joined the 100th Ohio Regiment. He was promptly commissioned a lieutenant, for two reasons: He was over six feet tall, and he'd had six months of college.  
 D.O. was captured by the rebels and sent to Richmond's notorious Libby Prison, a hell-hole from which few men emerged alive.  
 Somehow, he escaped. But he was captured again. And this time he was sent to Andersonville, a place whose name still sends shudders down the spine 130 years later.  
 God knows how, but he survived that, too. After the war he decided to become an Episcopal priest. (Gee, I wonder why!) He came out to California and founded a string of missions up and down the state, especially in the Imperial Valley.

D.O. married and had six sons. And he decided to celebrate each one's 21st birthday in an unusual way: by baking each one a 21-layer cake.  
 One of those sons was Leslie C. Kelley. He became an Episcopal priest, too, serving for many years at St. Paul's Church in San Francisco. He was also an Army chaplain during World War I.  
 Leslie's son was Al Kelley, a longtime Oakland resident. Al didn't become a priest. But he had a military career to rival his grandfather's: He joined the Marines and ended up commanding the Marine detachment aboard the battleship Missouri on the day the Japanese surrendered to end World War II. (He stood just a few feet away from MacArthur during the ceremony.)  
 And when Al turned 21 he got a 21-layer cake, too. "Although the whole family had to pool their sugar ration coupons to do it," he recalls.  
 Al had a son named Chris, who reestablished the family tradition by becoming an Episcopal priest. And he got a 21-layer cake on his birthday, too. (So did his sister, Peggy. Times change, you know.)

I'm sure you can guess what's coming next: Chris has a son named Wes, a junior in college. No word yet on Wes's career plans *vis a vis* the priesthood. But last Sunday, at a party at Al's home in Montclair, Wes got his 21-layer cake. It was an awesome-looking thing, too — more than a foot-and-a-half tall.  
 "The main difference between then and now," says Al's wife Jini, who supervised the baking process, "is that in the old days, the cake was made from scratch. Nowadays, we just use mixes."

The Kelley family was kind enough to invite me to the cake-cutting. And for the record let me say: It was absolutely delicious.  
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## 911

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Mayor Mike Brodsky said, "We want to improve our emergency medical services, but we have found that we are going in that direction through local control."

He added, "I think in general a regional approach to healthcare delivery is a good idea (but) the effect of this proposal is not acceptable at all."

Akers said yesterday that cities like Albany would retain a measure of local control.

The current district-wide system operates to ensure that multiple calls in a city would be responded to in a timely fashion.

Albany has at its disposal one city ambulance but can call on the county district if the fire department

receives emergency calls from two or more residents.

"Yes, cities can retain authority over their medical services, but they need to be a part of a system to ensure client needs," Akers said.

Supervisor Keith Carson's aide, Jennifer Freitas, said the plan is still in nascent form and only came before the board on Jan. 3.

"This is not an implementation plan, it is more of a concept paper," she said. "I think the board represents every city's interests and how best to find a cost-effective way to provide emergency medical services for every Alameda County resident."

In addition to promoting a centralized 911 response system that distinguishes between emergency and non-emergency calls, the task force proposal also hopes to

create an educational program that teaches and ages people to use the 911 system when it is appropriate.

While 911 operators often field non-emergency calls, "the other side of it is that there are people who are very sick who are coming into hospital emergency rooms by private cars when they should be transported by ambulance," Akers said.

She added, "People want to make sure there's no conflict between city and county. It is my responsibility to watch out for everybody all the time."

Fields said, "Our level of service is very exceptional when you throw in the fact that we have one (ambulance). The county has certainly run efficiently — the city has a different perspective.

## Process

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community consensus or to get community reaction before it goes too far."

While any project at the BART plaza will be a development by that agency (with perhaps some assistance from the El Cerrito Redevelopment Agency), the city council will have ultimate approval over what is planned. In El Cerrito, suggested approaches to deciding the future of the BART parking lot property run the gamut.

No proposal has yet been submitted by BART, but some members of the community don't necessarily want any kind of development to replace the existing parking lots.

Others, believing that a mixed use project is likely the future of the property, would like to see community members involved in determining what the development will look like.

Redevelopment Agency chair Jane Bartke has recently expressed her support of some type of charette process to invite community input on any development at the site — if the price can be kept down. A charette is a group composed of interested citizens and a variety of experts in land use planning, urban design and related areas, facilitated by a professional or group of professionals.

Bartke has said that the Design Review Board, many of whose members have participated in charettes, might well be able to conduct the process, perhaps using contracted services of a consultant for a short

time.

Mayor Norman La Force, on the other hand, is not convinced that financing a charette is the best use of the city's limited resources.

"I don't think a charette will accomplish that much," said LaForce, though he did not rule it out as a possibility, if it finds support on the city council.

"There are already certain constraints...established parameters," he said, referring to the need for a parking garage in order to obtain Measure C funding, the city's commitment to housing and the desire for some retail space, as well as certain limits on height and bulk.

"If you're talking about the design, I'm not sure a charette on design will work," he said. "It's not my job or anyone else's in the community to dictate what a design should be. You don't get a good design from a supra-committee."

LaForce likened input to a city board or commission becoming too involved in telling property owners how to design their homes.

"People...should have the right to express what they want," he said. "Besides, something that looks goofy now may not look that way in the future. I may have my own ideas of what I'd like to see; it's not my place to impose that on others."

LaForce himself served on a charette in the city of Berkeley in the early 1980s. From his standpoint, it was not successful. He believes "the ultimate idea really came from the design professionals" involved, who brought their options to the public from which to

choose. He also said the charette's input ultimately had no bearing on what was finally adopted for the plan. That plan, he said, was influenced strongly by the major players involved.

As for the idea of "creating a certain character" in the neighborhood, "I think that's pie in the sky," LaForce said. "I don't necessarily want to see things homogenized."

But "character" has been a word that's come up again and again among others who've been consulted about the future of the site: both those who don't want to change the existing character of the neighborhood and those who look for a new "urban village" character to develop a new BART/El Cerrito Plaza area.

Steve Price is one such resident. Price was a member of the original Redevelopment Advisory Committee which developed some guidelines for development in the area that reflect a transit-oriented village concept. He is an outspoken supporter of pedestrian-oriented development and is one of the four members of the Sustainable El Cerrito.

Price said that Sustainable El Cerrito supports transit-oriented development and believes "it's good for housing to be there." The group is supportive of the ideas being discussed, he said, understanding that we favor a more pedestrian-oriented environment.

"We discussed the idea that it would be better to have a transit-oriented development," he said. See PROCESS, p. 17.

## Letters

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It will be extremely difficult for the staff to try to explain which services are available during which hours.

At first glance, you might think it's a great idea to increase the hours that people can swing into the building to pick up a novel, or look at a magazine. But those are only the recreational uses of public libraries. Libraries provide vital information to people looking for jobs, improving their businesses, enabling people to participate fully in a democracy. Public libraries are our most democratic of institutions, providing EQUAL ACCESS TO ALL, without regard to one's income, age, education level, or physical condition.

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Andrea Segall  
Albany

### Support for plaza plan

Editor:

Last week's article on Plaza development gives the false impression that all the plaza's immediate neighbors are uniformly opposed to mixed-use development. This is simply not true. There are many hard-working young families like ours who do not have time to show up at every city council meeting to express our support.

When put before the Redevelopment Advisory Committee last year, redevelopment passed. When put before the voting public in November, redevelopment passed. Plaza development has the support of the public, even among the Plaza's immediate neighbors.

Brad and Susanna Marshland  
El Cerrito

### Neighboring librarians object

Editor:

We are librarians at Berkeley Public Library, represented by SEIU 535, who wish to register our strong opposition to having inadequate professional staffing at Albany Public Library. It is inequitable and undemocratic to have a library open extra hours when you can't serve all the people who need to use the library.

If the library is open without librarians, you're turning away all those who want to use the variety of

services — reference, research, readers' advisory, etc. — on which so many library users rely. We library patrons ask their reference questions to paraprofessional staff, either they will be told to come back another time, or worse, the staff will struggle to answer, and by doing so give incorrect, inadequate and quite possibly erroneous information. Further they will be performing tasks not in their job description.

If paraprofessional staff members continue to respond as librarians, they can request to be upgraded in salary. Then you'll be back where you started from.

Keeping the library open a few extra hours will, in the long term, lead to an educationally disenfranchised community who will be disenfranchised with the library and consequently decrease support it fiscally in the future.

We librarians are proud of our contribution to communities. And those who really use libraries are keenly aware of the value of our profession. Libraries are not bookstores. To treat them as such is another strike against education and democratic society.

Libby Flynn, Andrea Segall,  
Gahtan, Sayre Van Yon,  
Scantlebury, Carole Leita,  
Sandra Schmitz, Claudia Morrow,  
Moss, Marti Morec, Patricia Muller,  
Wold, Charles Chou, Dawn St.

## Blotter

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The other attacker demanded his watch, which he gave up. They then fled the area with the bike.

The first suspect is described as an Hispanic male, 14 years old, with short hair and wearing a black shirt. The second is described as an Hispanic male, 12 to 13 years old, with a mole on his left cheek, wearing a red sweatshirt.

While cleaning the storm drains on the 1000 block of Ventura Avenue on morning of Jan. 4 street crew workers found a BB/pellet type rifle wrapped in a red blanket stuffed in the drain.

Due to the rusting it was determined to have been in the storm drain for some time. It was handed over to ID Tech for processing.

On the morning of Jan. 5 Albany officers reported locating a 1983 Toyota in the north parking lot at Golden Gate Fields which had been reported stolen from Berkeley on Jan. 4. The ignition was punched but the vehicle was not stripped and both plates were intact. It was towed and the owner was notified.

On the afternoon of Jan. 5, unknown thieves broke into a Toyota pickup parked on the 500 block of Jackson Street, stole the in-dash stereo and departed unseen.

A resident of the 1100 block of Curtis Street reported that his neighbor had witnessed someone in a gray foreign make car throw a lit flare into the bed of his truck which was parked in front of his house on the night of Jan. 5. The neighbor was able to put out the flare before it caused any damage to the truck. There is no further information.

A resident on the 1500 block of Posen Avenue reported that unknown vandals had entered his home by breaking out the living room window on the evening of Jan. 5. The vandals selected a few CDs and the CD player, placed them on a chair next to the front door but then departed without taking anything. The resident thinks the pet dog may have frightened off the would-be thieves.

An Albany man, known to have a \$10,000 warrant from Albany was arrested at a bar on the 600 block of San Pablo Avenue on the afternoon of Jan. 6. He was transported to the Albany station and booked.

Unknown thieves were able to gain access to a second story deck of a building on the 1500 block of Solano Avenue between 6 p.m. on Jan. 6 and 8:30 a.m. on Jan. 7. They broke into the building through an exterior door, performed a messy prowling of the offices, stole items of value and food, and departed unseen.

While in the process of impounding a 1973 Chevy Nova on the afternoon of Jan. 7 a Berkeley man stated that the car was his. Since officers had discovered within the car a white powder believed to be illegal drugs, the man was arrested, cited and released. His car was towed.

On the evening of Jan. 7 officers responded to the area of Marin and Kains avenues on reports of a man yelling and possibly intoxicated. Officers found a Albany man, very intoxicated and unable to care for

himself. He was arrested to be released when

On the evening of Jan. 7, Albany officers responded, at the request of the University Police, to an apartment building in the Village on the 2000 Wilson Street, on a report of two subjects in a room that was supposed to be vacant.

Albany officers secured the perimeter and city officers entered the apartment using a pass 20-year-old Santa Ana man and a 19-year-old Francisco man were found inside.

They claimed they were just seeking shelter and were arrested.

On the night of Jan. 3 unknown thieves broke into the basement of a residence on the 900 block of Street, stole a sump pump and departed unseen.

During the week of Jan. 1 Albany officers printed six people at their request, towed from 12 false alarms, assisted three people who were locked out of their cars, and responded to reports of barking dogs.

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## Development signals renaissance of historic wine country



Multi-generation vintners Eric, Carolyn and Phil Wente enjoy a popular local sport.

### Crane Ridge is just part of a bigger plan to cultivate tourism in Livermore Valley

By Maggie Sharpe

Not far from the rumble of cars and trucks on highway 580, the rolling hills and quiet country roads of the Livermore Valley stretch westward to an historic grape-growing region, once home to some 150 wineries. This serene landscape, just a 40-minute drive from Oakland, is the site of a new real estate development offering a unique opportunity for elegant country living within easy reach of big city life.

Crane Ridge Vineyards, which is being developed by Wente Bros. Winery, consists of ten 18.5-acre vineyard parcels, each with a scenic one-acre residential building site surrounded by 14 acres of vineyard. It's definitely a proposition for the upwardly mobile: parcels range in price from \$700,000 to \$950,000. On top of that is the cost of building a home.

Phil Wente describes each homesite as a "working landscape," presenting an opportunity for people to reap the benefits of living on the land that actually pays for the experience.

The vines are entering their third growing season and have already been grafted to Chardonnay, Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot varieties. Wente explained that vines are ready to produce



Visitors to the Sparkling Wine Cellars may tour the sandstone aging caves or, in summer, catch one of the Concert Series.

during their third year, so anyone purchasing a vineyard at Crane Ridge this spring can look forward to a viable crop in 1995.

Crane Ridge landowners will have the opportunity to create their own estate with vineyards and, if they wish, start their own winery and private label. They may choose to farm the land themselves or have the vineyard profession-

ally managed.

Wente explained that Crane Ridge is just part of a much larger plan. The South Livermore Valley Area Plan is the result of years of planning, negotiation and compromise between Alameda County, the cities of Livermore and Pleasanton, local interest groups, developers, wineries and

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Some changes for 1994 relate to moving expenses incurred after 1993. Certain items are no longer deductible, the distance requirement is increased, and the deduction is allowed as an adjustment to

gross income on page 1 of Form 1040. (See Chapter 9 of Publication 17, 1994 tax guide for individuals.)

If you bought a main home after 1990 and the seller paid points for your mortgage, you may be able to deduct them as an interest expense on Schedule A. (See Chapter 25 of Pub 17.)

Beginning in 1994, rental activities in which you materially participate will no longer be passive activities if you meet certain eligibility requirements. Losses from these activities are not limited by the passive activity rules. (See Chapter 10 of Pub 17.)

In addition to Pub 17, other specialized real estate publications that might prove useful in preparing your 1994 tax returns are Pub 523 — Selling Your Home, Pub 527 — Residential Rental Property, Pub 530 — Tax Information



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for First-Time Homeowners, Pub 534 — Depreciation, Pub 551 — Basis of Assets, Pub 552 — Recordkeeping for Individuals, Pub 587 — Business Use of Your Home, Pub 926 — Employment Taxes for Household Employers, Pub 936 — Home Mortgage Interest Deduction, and Pub 946 — How To Begin Depreciating Your Property, and Form 2119 — Sale of Your Home.

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# Review your insurance needs before beginning construction

Every construction project is filled with risks, some of them not so obvious. On one recent project, a carpenter was under the house in the crawl space when he was bitten by a black widow spider. He had an extreme allergic reaction and was fortunate to make it to the hospital in time.

Thankfully, he was not the litigious type. But it's not too hard to imagine a lawsuit claiming that the homeowners had a responsibility to keep their house free from venomous pests, etc., etc.

Before starting any construction project, it's essential to discuss your insurance requirements with your insurance advisor (i.e., your insurance agent/broker). Although everyone has different insurance needs, here are some general tips:

1) When you hire a general contractor, make sure that he or she provides you with a Certificate of Insurance before any construction starts. (In fact, you may wish to get the Certificate before signing a contract!) This is a standard form issued by the contractor's insurance agent listing the contractor's current insurance coverage.

You should review this with your own agent to make sure that it's adequate for your own needs.

2) Ask to be named as an "additional insured" under your contractor's policy. This will give

you additional protection by the contractor's insurance company in the event of a third-party lawsuit.

For example, if your neighbor sues both you and the contractor because of some property damage, your contractor's policy may provide the coverage.

This "additional insured" coverage is usually free or extremely inexpensive.

3) Although licensed contractors are required by law to carry Workers Compensation insurance, some small contracting companies may not be carrying any additional insurance. (Workers Compensation covers only accidents to the contractor's employees.)

What about hiring unlicensed individuals? For example, there are many excellent carpenters who are not licensed, yet who may seem perfect for your job.

California law says that for work valued over \$300 (including labor and materials), if the worker is not licensed, then they are technically your employee. That means that you have a legal obligation to provide Workers Compensation insurance, withhold taxes, and all of the other burdensome obligations that go with being an employer.

If your unlicensed carpenter gets injured, and suddenly is unable to support himself, you can guess where he will look to for financial



Remodeling

**RICHARD MORRISON**

support.

And remember, it's as easy to saw off a finger or fall off a ladder on a small project as it is on a large one.

Getting your own Workers Compensation insurance is expensive, and the additional employee paperwork is a big hassle, but it is worth risking your life savings to ignore? Maybe that unlicensed contractor isn't so cheap, after all.

Remodeling projects are stressful enough as it is. Knowing that you're covered with the proper insurance will hopefully let you sleep much more peacefully at night.

Richard Morrison, AIA, is a Bay Area architect specializing in residential remodelings and additions. He teaches remodeling classes at the Building Education Center in Berkeley. You can call him at (415) 321-3729.

# Protect property from water damage

As Northern Californians begin to assess property damage caused by recent storms, the California State Automobile Association (CSAA) Wednesday recommended that they take steps to protect their property.

"With more storms predicted, we're advising people to take advantage of breaks in the weather to protect their homes and belongings," said CSAA spokesman Barry Shiller.

CSAA has received more than 3,000 storm-related damage claims since Friday. It received 1,300 claim reports on Tuesday. The not-for-profit insurer recommended on Wednesday that homeowners move property lo-

cated in areas most susceptible to water damage (such as basements and other low-lying areas) to higher ground or to other protected locations.

For residences and personal property damaged by water, the following steps are recommended by Josi Steinberg of Servpro, a Marin County water damage restoration company:

- \* Get damp property, such as clothing, to a place where it can dry out;

- \* Open windows to allow fresh air into waterlogged residences (weather permitting), and open interior cabinets and drawers to facilitate drying;

- \* Do not throw items away,

even if they do not appear salvageable, until insurance agents have had a chance to see you are advised that it is necessary to keep them (there is insurance coverage).

- \* Do not attempt to electrical or gas appliances have been under water you've been advised by that it is safe to do so;

- \* Do not use a vacuum to remove standing water; suction can result;

Homeowners who have to a video camera can capture a record of their damage by videotaping the damage to their residence and contents on the tape.

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George, a graduate of Princeton University, has worked with Johns Manville building products, the Federal Home Loan Bank Board in Washington, D.C., where he built a \$50 million office building, and was chief operating officer for PMI Mortgage Insurance and American Home Shield, the home warranty company.

He trained in real estate sales at Mason-McDuffie and left The GRUBB Co. to form ERI.

Mary, who holds a master's degree in statistics from Carnegie Mellon, has been with the National Center for State Courts, and now is responsible for condo conversions, loans, and property management at ERI.

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## Q & A

**Q:** When I sold my house, the pest control report was high. We decided to sell "as is" and reduced the price accordingly. We received an offer, and since the buyers accepted the house "as is" as to the pest control report, we accepted.

The buyers exercised their rights for inspection. We were surprised when they ordered a new pest control report. It was a company that works for their architect, and the report was nearly three times as much as our original. Now the buyers wanted the house for a drastically reduced price. We asked our pest control company to look at the house again. They reinspected the house and guaranteed the original estimate, stating clearly that there was nothing new in the buyers' report.

We offered to clear the pest control for the buyers and include the amount in the sale. Theoretically, this would have saved us both a great deal of money, but the buyers wouldn't agree. Their agent stated that they wanted to make architectural upgrades with the money they were seeking from us.

Light dawned. By this time our house had been on the market for a couple of months. Prospective buyers were too nervous to deal with the discrepancy of the two pest control reports. We were being blackmailed! We were stuck with our dishonest buyers and, even though we knew we were being swindled, we had to sell to them — losing even more money on the deal.

I hold the buyers' agent accountable for fraudulently telling us the buyers accepted the house "as is." I hold the buyers' agent accountable for allowing the disingenuous pest control report. And I hold the buyers' agent responsible for the bad faith dealings around our offer to clear the pest control report.

There were so many ethical violations that I feel the buyers' agent should be reported to the Board of



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Realtors. Should I do this or simply accept the situation as part of the sad state of ethics in business today? Are there any other remedies available to me?

**A:** The situation you describe occurs more often than any of us who are involved with negotiations would like to admit. It is particularly upsetting because you agreed to accept a lower price than you thought your home was worth, believing the buyers' promise to purchase in its "as is" condition. You understood this to mean that you had lowered the price as much as was needed to complete the sale. To you, this lower price and the "as is" clause signaled the last word. To your buyers, it was only the first.

The buyers, agreeing to buy the property in its "as is" condition, collected information to confirm that they could take on the financial responsibilities presented by the property. They needed to know that the home you loved in its present condition could be the one that they envisioned after their design changes and upgrades.

You say that you were "stuck" because you had the buyers' new pest control report, for three times the amount of yours, hanging around your neck, and you would have to reveal it to any subsequent buyer whether it was spurious or not. This is true — the second report is an albatross, and it is unfair in the sense that you did not order the second report and yet it is now yours to disclose.

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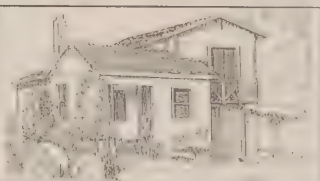
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## Project

## Keep quilts and blankets handy on old-fashioned bedside rack



Grab an extra blanket on wintry, chilly nights.

By Don and Dave Runyan

In days past, when cold drafts would creep through the house like a cat in the night and the logs in the wood-burning stove would die out in early morning, it was common to grab an extra quilt or blanket from the quilt rack next to the bed.

Even with modern heating, extra covers are still welcome on chilly nights. This build-it-yourself quilt rack not only keeps quilts and blankets handy, but it's also a classic country decorator item and a certain hand-me-down family heirloom.

The quilt rack project is simple enough for most do-it-yourselfers, even beginners. Made from 3/4-inch oak and one-inch oak doweling, the rack requires only five different cuts and 15 pieces in all.

The curved cuts for the two side pieces are traced from full-size patterns, and the remainder of the cuts are straight cuts. After

sawing, the pieces are simply drilled and assembled using dowel pins, screws and glue. Then the whole unit is sanded and stained or painted.

The completed quilt rack measures about 31 inches tall by 31 inches long by 18 inches deep.

The Quilt Rack plan, No. 799, is \$6.50 and includes step-by-step instructions with 12 photos, full-size traceable patterns, exploded diagrams and a complete shopping list and cutting schedule.

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## Rare treasure inspires daughter's love no

Number 82 in a series of true experiences in real estate.

A treasure came to me recently — unexpected, amazing, a wonderful fluke.

Anet and I were on tour when we went to a house that wasn't very interesting. We knew we didn't have a buyer for it, and it wasn't a house that we might have stood around and looked at for our own pleasure, so we rushed right through.

As we were leaving, I noticed something on the open front door. "Look!" I said to Anet, "It's a Leave-a-Note house!"

Hanging there was a small, flat wooden box in the shape of a house. It has a peaked roof and a suggestion of shingles. In the center is a door with tiny brass hinges, and carved on the door is a message: Leave a Note.

There is a latch, a little piece of wood that swivels to the side and allows the door to open, and inside the door are a note pad and a pencil. There is a hole for the pencil so it stands upright.

I couldn't believe my eyes. I have been looking for a Leave a Note house for a long time. I was about 9 when I last saw one — I only ever saw one — hanging outside my aunt's door in Napa.

When I went to visit her, even if she was home, I opened the little door, took out the pencil and pad and wrote her a note.

Years and years later when I remembered the house, I wished for one, but I had no idea where another might be. I looked at crafts fairs, thinking that people who make old-fashioned wooden toys might make wooden note holders, too. I thought about building one myself (but I'm no good at sawing and fitting). And I considered hiring someone to make me one (it seemed a perfect project for eighth-grade wood shop).

Now I was standing, laughing, looking at the genuine article on the front door of a vacant house in Berkeley. The owner had moved out, but had left it behind. Maybe he would sell it to me.

I asked the agent. I told her I'd been searching for this little house. I said I'd love to buy it if the owner would consider parting with it. I even said I'd pay a premium for it.

Agents don't like to get involved with personal property inside their listings. This is under-



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standable. Sometimes agents list estates that are full of things and they find themselves unwillingly turned into second-hand dealers. But this agent said she'd ask and let me know.

A week later we ran into the agent at another open house. I hadn't called her back because I didn't think it was fair to ask twice. My note taker couldn't mean anything to her. But this day she said, "You're the one who wanted that wooden house, aren't you? The owner says you can have it for five dollars. It's just hanging on a nail — you can go get it anytime."

I was thrilled. I thanked her many times, gave her my money, and we went to get the house. I took it home and showed it to my

little girl, Annie, telling we'd hang it outside, telling her about the one before when I was her age.

The door is irresistible. The little latch, the tiny knob, and looked inside. Mom, look," she said, "I'm going to write you." Before I hung it up, I put a tiny Christmas tree and string of pretend Christmas lights outside the little door. I opened the door again, a note: "Dear Mom, I love much. Love from Annie."

Isn't it funny which turn out to be the best? The little message house was yours, but it is certainly

We send each of you year wishes for a special of your own. Our deep-felt to those who made 1994 good one for us.

Pat Talbert and Anet are licensed agents and estate consultants. To ask for a mailing list, call Tarpo & Talbert, at 653-2050.

## Berkeley Rep show benefits women and kids

A special performance of *The Last of the Suns*, by Alice Tuan and directed by Phyllis S.K. Look will be held at Berkeley Repertory Theatre on Thursday, Jan. 19.

The show is a benefit for the Women's Day Time Drop-In Center in West Berkeley which provides daytime shelter and services for women and children.

This world premiere explores the sources of a young Chinese woman's ancestral culture as her 100-year-old grandfather celebrates his birthday in the American home of his disaffected children and grandchildren.

Tickets are \$40 and include a reception following the play with an opportunity to meet the actors and director. Tickets can be ordered by check to the Women's Day Time Drop-In Center, c/o Joy Clinton, P.O. Box 11612, Berkeley 94712.

Author and Associate Professor Hank Dunlop of the California College of Arts & Crafts will present a lecture entitled "California Treasure: The Rich Veins of Material at the Cohen Bray House" on Saturday, Feb. 19 at 3 p.m. at Nahl Hall located in the Founder's Library Building on the CCAC campus.

The lecture is open to members of the Victorian Preservation Center and the general public and will focus on 19th century decorative arts in California.

A reception sponsored by the Victorian Preservation Center of Oakland will follow at Mackey Hall.

The lecture will give insights into the diverse collections of furniture, textiles, glass, ceramics, metal, and photographs in the collection of Oakland's historic Cohen Bray House, an Oakland city landmark. The house, built in the early 1880s, was a wedding present to Emma Bray and Alfred Henry Cohen from Emma's father, Watson Bray.

Alfred was the son of A.A. Cohen, the chief attorney for the Central Pacific Railway. The Central

Pacific was controlled by "the Big Four," Charles Crocker, Mark Hopkins, Collis T. Huntington, and Leland Stanford. Their power extended beyond business and commerce to influence the styles of living for merchant class families, and the Cohen Bray House reflects that influence.

Professor Dunlop asserts that the wealth of California in the 19th century lay not only in its gold and silver mines, but in the material goods that were produced and purchased in that era — "like a California gold mine this house contains many veins to be examined and brought forth into the light."

The decorative arts in the Cohen Bray House are extensive and include "high end" documented Herter Brothers furniture, a quilt made for Emma Bray by her classmates at Mills College, Oriental porcelain, American Aesthetic movement silver plate, period clothing found in the children's play trunk, the bride's book, Arts & Crafts textiles and mundane objects used in everyday life.

Apart from the artifacts on exhibit, Dunlop notes that the attic

alone is a mother lode, and he will explore with the audience. These collections offer opportunities for the study of California material culture.

Professor Dunlop is a recognized expert on 19th century California interior design and is the national director of the Society in America and the Advisory Council of the Art Study Center of the Museums of San Francisco.

He has been working in historic preservation and field since the 1960s. He has delivered papers before the California Historical Society and the New York Metropolitan Museum of Art's show on Herter Brothers furniture.

Admission to the lecture is \$10 general admission. Members of the Victorian Preservation Center of Oakland.

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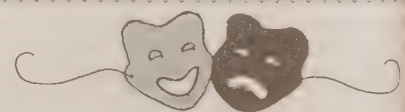
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Free class on How to Prune Various Fruit Trees is Saturday, Jan. 14, 10 a.m., at Berkeley Horticultural Nursery, 1310 McGee Ave., Berkeley. Call 526-

The Building Education Center, 812 Page St., Berkeley, hosts an open house on How to Save

**Money When Building or Remodeling Your Home** on Wednesday, Jan. 18, 7 - 9 p.m. Call 525-7610 for information.

A free class on **Rose Pruning** will be held Saturday, Jan. 21, 10 a.m. at the Berkeley Horticultural Nursery, 1310 McGee Ave., Berkeley. Call 526-4704.

Learn to create your own artwork/greeting cards, invitations, etc. at a free demonstration of **Art Rubber Stamping**, Saturday, Jan. 21, 1 - 4 p.m. at Exquisite Images, 4188 Piedmont Ave., next to Piedmont Theater. Take the opportunity to sign up for hands-on workshops (\$12.50) in January and February. Call 601-6847 for more information.

A **Basic Compost Workshop**, sponsored by Alameda County Waste Management Authority, is Saturday, Jan. 21, 10 a.m. - noon (rain or shine) at Oakland Garden, Lakeside Park, adjacent to the Garden Center Building, Bellevue Ave., near Lake Merritt. This hands-on class teaches how to compost yard and kitchen waste; learn to transform trash into free, nutritious fertilizer. Free. Call the "Hotline" at 635-6275 for more information.

UC Botanical Garden's staff horticulturalist Peter Klement pre-

sents a hands-on workshop and demonstration on **Pruning and Pegging of Shrub Roses** at the garden on Saturday, Jan. 21, 10 a.m. Space is limited. Reservations required. \$10 for members; \$15 for non-members. The garden is in Strawberry Canyon on Centennial Drive, east of Memorial Stadium. Call 642-3343 for more information.

The Building Education Center, 812 Page St., Berkeley, holds three classes on Saturday, Jan. 21. **Owner Contracting: Project Management**, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., \$75; **Earthquake Retrofitting**, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., \$75; and **Hands-On Electrical Workshop**, 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Sat. & Sun., \$180. Call 525-7610.

The Building Education Center, 812 Page St., Berkeley, starts a 17-session **Homeowner's Essential Course: How to Build, Remodel & Maintain Your Home**, on Wednesday, Jan. 25, 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. \$395. Call 525-7610 to register.

Merritt College begins a series on pruning trees and shrubs with **Introduction to Aesthetic Pruning**, Saturday, Jan. 28, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Cost is \$30. For a complete schedule of classes on pruning call 436-2413. Other upcoming classes in horticulture include "Introduction to Bonsai," "The Business of Landscaping," "Floral Design Classes," and "Irrigation Lab." A field trip to Kauai, Hawaii, is scheduled for April (call 800 624-6623 for information).

A **Financial Investment Workshop for Women** will be held Saturday, Jan. 28, 10 a.m. - noon at the Lafayette Park Hotel. Presented by Martin Bach, Dean Witter senior vice president, investments, the workshop is limited to 100 participants. To reserve a space call Cathy at 891-0551.

A four-session, **Free Real Estate Training** starts Saturday, Feb. 4 and continues three more Saturdays, 2 - 5 p.m., at Bayridge Realty & Financial, 6730 Cutting Blvd., El Cerrito. Topics include how to build your business quickly and easily; countless tips on earning huge commissions; and how to improve your public image and build confidence in yourself. Class size is small. For reservations, call Steve Zager at 232-7714.

Bring your sick plants to a **Free Plant Disease Clinic**, first Saturday of each month, 9 a.m. - noon, at UC Botanical Gardens, Centennial Dr., Strawberry Canyon, Berkeley. UC plant pathologist Dr. Robert Raabe will identify the problems and prescribe treatment for common pests and diseases. Call 642-3343 for more information.

For inclusion in Events, send information to Maggie Sharpe, Real Estate, Hills Newspapers, 5707 Redwood Rd., Oakland, 94619. Phone: 339-4047; FAX: 339-4066. Information must be received one week prior to publication.

## Q&amp;A

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meant to protect buyers from information being withheld by sellers. They provide for full disclosure of any and all information which may affect the material value of the property being sold.

This full disclosure law puts you in the position of being extorted. If you don't negotiate with the first buyers who have inspected the property and request compensation, you will have to begin again. When you do get another offer, the first question will be "Have there been any other offers?" and an honest answer will require disclosing both the offer and the reports it yielded which caused the deal to die. This time you will be disclosing not only what you know about your property, but what inspectors (who you have not hired and about whom you generally have no personal knowledge) have discovered.

What is reported and how important fixing or changing it is to the care and maintenance of a healthy house is a judgment call. The next buyers may discover more problems and decide to seek even more compensation. The process can progress incrementally as you lose time and sleep.

You find yourself in the position of negotiating with the existing buyers and lowering your price to cover items they say need repair. Sometimes they make the repairs as stated and other times they use the money for architectural upgrades — remodeling the kitchen or redoing a bath, or buying a car, or even going to Bali.

You cannot know what your buyers intend to do with the money they save when they get you to lower your price. And although it's frustrating to drive by the old place and see that the new buyers have completely remodeled it, but have not replaced the roof, for example, for which they demanded replacement money, that is in fact the way it goes.

It makes sense then, feeling "taken," for you to ask yourself, did the buyers know all along that the "as is" price was just for openers? Was their offer "fraudulent" from the start, you ask, and was their agent at fault?

## Agent's role

How does the agent fit into all of this? As an agent, with a fiduciary duty to the buyers, it is necessary to follow the buyers' directions in seeking price reductions or credit for improvements and repairs. Of course we counsel our

clients and share our experiences and thoughts about what is fair, what is rational, and what is possible, but in the end we must go forth as the messengers and "get" as much money as they decide they need.

Buyers almost always want to pay as little as possible for the property, and sellers usually want to net as much as possible. Herein lies the conflict. Sometimes ends don't justify the means, especially when it leaves you feeling "taken."

If you want to pursue this matter, you can contact the broker for whom the agent works, and if you do not get a satisfactory response, you can pass your complaint on to the local Realtor's Association.

The only way to protect yourself from all of the above is to refuse to accept an offer that has inspections as a contingency. When buyers do their inspections before making an offer, the amount of money offered is the amount that you get at the close of escrow.

Dennis and I began writing contracts with inspections already completed as a way of insuring the seller that the buyers weren't playing games with them. This has often benefited the buyer as well, because the seller has been willing to accept a lower offer, knowing that it is the final word.

## Postscript

On a cheery note, Dennis and I are moving our office at least at lunch time most days, to Restaurant LDV at 1843 Solano Ave. in Berkeley. (526-9444.) It's a great place to meet with clients and do business.

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# Wine

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growers. The plan includes a gated, 850-luxury-home community on Ruby Hill clustered around a Jack Nicklaus-designed golf course.

It's a multi-faceted approach to land development that aims primarily to protect this historic wine-growing region by putting more acreage into vine growing, thus containing urban sprawl by creating a permanent "Green Belt" between Pleasanton and Livermore.

It is envisioned that the huge-scale development — including a wine museum, three golf courses, four-star restaurants and, of course, the historic wineries — will greatly increase tourism in the Livermore Valley, putting it on a par with its wine-producing neighbors to the north.

As the South Livermore Valley Area Plan's executive summary states, "The ... Plan represents a cutting edge approach to the issues of land use in the Livermore Valley and ensures the survival and enhancement of this century-old wine region."

It also aims to remove some of the uncertainty about future land use, thereby reducing the speculative element in land use decisions.

## Prosperous past

Less well-known and well-traveled than the Napa and Sonoma valleys, the Livermore Valley is nonetheless an historic and thriving wine-making region. It's also 10 minutes from Lake Del Valle, where thousands come every year to sail, swim, wind surf and explore the trails; and to ample shopping facilities including Stoneridge Mall in Pleasanton and two new shopping centers in Livermore.

First settled as cattle grazing lands for the Mission San Jose (now part of Fremont), it wasn't until the late 1800s that viticulturalists discovered the ideal soil and climatic conditions that would transform the Livermore Valley into one of the nation's premier wine grape producing regions.

The first wine grapes in Alameda County were planted in the Mission San Jose in 1790. Grapes were introduced to the Livermore Valley by Robert Livermore, a cattle rancher, in 1844. In the late 1800s European wine makers started buying land and the area entered a period of great expansion as a wine growing district.

At that point in history, the Livermore Valley grape acreage matched that of Napa and Sonoma counties.

A series of setbacks ended the valley's prosperity: grape surpluses, Prohibition, and a root louse that destroyed vineyards throughout California and Europe brought the valley's wine boom to a premature end. When Prohibition was repealed in 1933, only 12 wineries remained. While family wineries such as the Concannon's and Wente's survived Prohibition

by making sacramental wines, the prestige of the Livermore Valley had diminished considerably. By the late 1960s, viticultural acreage had shrunk to about 1,500 acres and only six wineries remained.

## The Wente Bros. legacy

The Livermore Valley's biggest wine producer, Wente Bros., began making wine in the 19th century when C.H. Wente, the son of a north German farmer, emigrated to the United States to seek his fortune. His journey took him across America to the Napa Valley wine cellars of fellow German Charles Krug.

As he learned more about the art of winemaking, Wente decided to start his own vineyard and winery. He was attracted to the Livermore Valley by its coastal climate and gravelly soils and, in 1883, purchased 48 acres of land.

Today, fourth-generation Wentes — siblings Phil, Carolyn and Eric — oversee 2,000 acres of vineyards.

In addition, they have transformed the abandoned Cresta Blanca winery site into Sparkling Cellars where visitors can sample sparkling wines, take a tour of the sandstone aging caves or catch one of the summer Concert Series. (It's remarkable that a Cresta Blanca wine was chosen from 17,000 entries as the Grand Prix winner at the Paris Exhibition of 1889 — the first such achievement for a California wine.)

While country living, and particularly life among the vineyards, has tremendous appeal for many people, there are two key questions prospective Crane Ridge Vineyard owners want to know, says Phil Wente. How viable are 20-acre vineyards? And will 20-acre vineyards be able to operate economically?

In answer to these questions, Wente quotes the California Wine Commission's 1988 report which indicated that the majority of wineries in California crushed less than 100 tons of grapes, the approximate yield from a 20-acre vineyard. While it is not certain how many of these wineries are independently owned and operated, it does suggest that it is possible to make a profit from a small vineyard either by selling grapes to a winery or, on a grander scale, starting a private label.

"There are potentially many types of buyers with different motivations," says Wente. "Not all buyers will want to be involved in the day-to-day management of a vineyard. Some buyers may be interested in growing grapes principally to support a winery, while others are looking for a rural lifestyle among vineyards."

To find out more about Crane Ridge Vineyards, call 447-3603.

Materials and photos provided courtesy of Phil Wente.



In 1883, Carl H. Wente, above right with his family, purchased 48 acres of land in the Livermore Valley and started his winery.



The Charles Wetmore Vineyard at the foot of the rolling hills of the Livermore Valley.

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# Ashmount owners witness city's spectacular growth

Dennis Evanosky

How many Oakland residents are aware of the tremendous prosperity early in the century that spawned steel and concrete towers to loom at virtually every corner of downtown Oakland?

How many know that this prosperity allowed the completion of the tallest building west of Chicago?

A beautiful by-product of this building boom is the Italian villa that sits majestically at what

The Ashmount Avenue ridge was considered special by Havens: it afforded spectacular views of Oakland and San Francisco and lay close to two of Oakland's early picnic grounds: Lake Merritt's Lakeside Park and Indian Gulch, officially known as Trestle Glen.

Architects A.M. and William E. Millwain designed and built the grand Italian villa on a two-acre lot.

Construction began in 1914 and was completed by 1917. The home remains to this day one of the

In his book, "Oakland: Hub of the West," David Weber says that Oakland "was beginning to embody a new century's industrial optimism."

Today 1017 Ashmount Avenue, Oakland's Crocker Highlands, was built by Wickham Havens, a major player in the city's real estate development during the early 1900s.

The son of Frank Havens, the business partner of Francis "Boss" Smith, Wickham Havens whose name still lives in the East Oakland neighborhood of Havens (partly) learned early the value of land overlooking Oakland. His developments include the neighborhoods known as Eastmont Heights and Lakeshore Highlands.

These two projects are separated by Mandana Boulevard, named for Wickham's stepmother, a Mandana Rand Havens, the daughter of David Rand, Oakland's second captain of police. As Mandana Boulevard ascends from Lakeshore Avenue to the south, its name changes to Crocker Avenue, announcing the entrance to the city of Piedmont.

The cross street that marks the ridge is Ashmount Avenue. Once into Piedmont, the early developer was on the property of George E.B. Crocker of San Francisco, owner of the Central Pacific Railroad Company. When developing this area, Havens led it Crocker Highlands.

grandest in Oakland.

Viewing a contemporary photograph, one sees the villa standing splendidly alone with classic balustrades to the left and right of the approach.

A red brick road encircles the villa, leading to a terrace with an outdoor fireplace.

The foyer is the shape of an octagon. A conservatory which the owners later replaced with a kitchen once stood just off the foyer.

To the left are a living room and a dining room and to the right a family room.

From the foyer, the main stairs lead upstairs to a small, intimate library on an intermediate level.

Five other bedrooms, called "chambers" in the blueprints, a glass sleeping porch, and a master bedroom are located on the second floor.

The master bedroom contains two dressing rooms and a bath. The third floor contains a skylighted playroom and two additional bedrooms.

The villa was built for Dr. Alonzo S. Larkey and his wife, Anne. Alonzo was a homeopathic physician. He was at home as a homeopath in Oakland, which had a history of favoring his view of medicine.



James Toomey, right, stands in front of 1017 Ashmount with his daughter Mary Elizabeth, second right, and grandchildren Will, Colleen, Matt, and Bridget. On the left is Anita Pena, the children's babysitter.

Larkey's practice on Washington Street was one block from Oakland's recently completed City Hall — then the tallest building west of Chicago.

In his book, Oakland: Hub of the West, David Weber says that Oakland "was beginning to embody a new century's industrial optimism."

According to Weber, downtown Oakland bustled as the apex of the ferry, the local interurban steam train, and the electric railway service.

Clay Street thrived as a shopping district boosting Taft and Penoyer, H.C. Capwell's, and two furniture stores: Jackson's and Breuner's. Theaters such as the MacDonough, the Oakland, the Pantages and the Hippodrome provided entertainment.

New buildings graced the view of downtown Oakland that the Larkey family enjoyed from their home. "Steel and concrete towers loomed skyward at virtually every corner," Weber says.

The eight stories of the buildings for the Security Bank and Trust Company and the Oakland

Bank of Savings were no match for the 10 stories on the Realty Syndicate Building or the 11-story Union Savings Bank Building. The Federal Realty Building (now known as the Cathedral Building) was, Weber says, "the flagship of the fleet of architectural behemoths."

Alonzo Larkey died in 1920, just three years after 1017 Ashmount was completed. Anne lived in the house with her son, Jefferson, until her death in 1949.

Just as the Larkeys were witnesses to the rapid growth of Oakland in the early 20th century, the members of a second family making 1017 Ashmount their home, the Toomeys, were witnesses to Oakland's second building boom that saw the completion of the largest office building in the state on the shore of Lake Merritt.

James Toomey was the chief patent attorney for Kaiser Industries.

In 1954 Kaiser decided to consolidate its activities in a world headquarters in Oakland. Toomey would move his wife and eight children from Washington, D.C.,

into 1017 Ashmount.

This street would also become the home of three other families associated with Kaiser Industries and involved in the consolidation.

On June 28, 1955, Kaiser purchased Holy Names College's seven-acre campus at 20th and Webster streets for a rumored \$2,560,000. With a planned 1,700,000 square feet, the future Kaiser Center would be one of the largest in the country.

Construction of the huge concrete "raft" on which the building would float began in May 1956. In March 1958 the superstructure began to rise above Lake Merritt.

"At one point, the building was growing at the incredible pace of a complete floor every four days," Weber says. "A crew of 85 iron workers were credited with placing 12,800 tons of structural steel in only 115 working days."

When it was completed in 1959, the gently curving 28-story aluminum and glass structure boasted office space for 60 affiliated Kaiser companies, a five-level parking garage, a three-acre roof garden, and a variety of shops and

stores.

Through the windows of 1017 Ashmount, Alonzo Larkey had witnessed the building of Oakland's impressive City Hall; the Toomeys watched as Kaiser Center became the largest office building in the west. But the Toomeys could also see a marvel that Dr. Larkey would never have believed.

At almost the same time that work on the Kaiser Center was completed, work began to bring Oakland Airport's runway and terminal into the jet age. Construction of the runway, control tower, and 182,000 square-foot passenger terminal began in 1960.

Just as the Larkeys marveled at the giants arising on the soil of downtown Oakland, so the Toomeys could now marvel at the growth and the spread of that garden that has become the City of Oakland.

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## Coldwell Banker purchases Fox & Carskadon

Coldwell Banker Corporation announced Monday the purchase of the Fox & Carskadon residential real estate offices, one of Northern California's largest residential real estate companies.

Last Thursday, Coldwell Banker Corporation issued a statement announcing its agreement in principle to purchase Fox & Carskadon, pending the expiration

of the existing prior right of refusal.

The transaction was completed on Saturday, making Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage the largest residential real estate firm in the San Francisco Bay Area.

"It's official... the deal is done," said Bob Arrigoni, president of Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage. "Their local market

strength, combined with the national support of Coldwell Banker and our network of more than 2,300 offices will form an excellent team," Arrigoni said.

Coldwell Banker was formed in San Francisco in 1906, while the San Francisco Bay Area's Fox & Carskadon was established in 1929. Fox & Carskadon sales associates will be offered similar positions within the new company.

Office and yard sign will be changed within 30 days. The of-

fices in Santa Clara and San Mateo counties will be identified as Coldwell Banker Fox & Carskadon.

Coldwell Banker Corporation operates companies that supply a complete range of residential real estate services including brokerage, franchising, relocation, title and escrow.

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## Book on retrofits in print again

The non-profit Building Education Center in Berkeley has reprinted its illustrated 80-page homeowner's guide, *Introduction to Earthquake Retrofitting: Tools & Techniques*, which sold out last year in the wake of the Northridge earthquake.

The book's photographs lead beginners through the four basic retrofitting projects — bolting, holdowns, shear walls and wall

ties — and illustrate the necessary tools and materials.

The center sells *Introduction to Earthquake Retrofitting* through bookstores and via mail order for \$9.95 plus tax and shipping (\$13.77 total).

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# Before taking your case to court, try mediation metho

By H.W. Moss

In "Disclosure," the new Michael Douglas/Demi Moore film that uses reverse sexual harassment as its theme, the two sides sit down with a mediator who hears them succinctly and explicitly (some viewers may say rather too explicitly) explain their perception of the incident.

The film is fiction in more ways than one. After all, mediation does not often occur within 48 hours of a controversy.

But even if it takes weeks to get the parties to sit down with an impartial mediator in a non-adversarial environment, the beneficial results can be nothing short of miraculous.

And if it doesn't work, in no case do the parties who mediate forfeit their legal rights to arbitrate or litigate in the future.

Few doubt that we live in a litigious society. People with a dispute, especially one involving money, have the option of suing one another and they often do.

But the good news is there are

ways to avoid going to court.

Before invoking a judicial remedy, real estate professionals and their clients are well advised to consider both mediation and arbitration which are less costly alternative resolution methods.

Especially since these procedures also have an 80 to 90 percent success rate.

Mediation is voluntary and usually costs considerably less than either arbitration or litigation.

Although there is a fee associated with mediation, because the parties are talking in the first place they can often agree to split that 50-50.

Mediation is not an adversarial situation where one side attempts to sway a jury or convince the mediator of validity of one position over another.

The purpose of mediation is to hear all the parties and make an attempt to understand the other side's point of view.

What is nice about the mediation process is the parties remain in control rather than give up that

power to a former or sitting judge. And it is an informal and flexible process that does not take long. It is also not binding, unlike arbitration.

Arbitration awards are legally enforceable in California.

Arbitration takes place in front of someone capable of rendering a decision which will be binding on both parties.

Arbitrators are often retired trial lawyers or judges and, although a court can vacate or overturn an arbitration decision, they are not inclined to do so.

Arbitration and mediation, then, are not the same thing. And they can be employed to resolve disputes among real estate professionals as well as among members of the public.

Both techniques show up on an Exclusive Authorization and Right to Sell, the listing agreement, and are described in the Real Estate Purchase Contract and Receipt for Deposit, the sales contract, which are published by the California Association of Realtors.

They appear on the sales con-

tract as items number 28 and 29 (CAR form DFL-14).

Although clearly worded, explaining what mediation and arbitration mean to a buyer or seller often takes a few extra minutes of a Realtor's time.

And sometimes the distinctions between the two concepts are not very clear.

Members of most associations of Realtors are required to go to arbitration for monetary disputes arising out of a contract between themselves.

They agree to do this as a function of membership while mediation remains voluntary for members.

Quite the reverse appears at first to be true between buyers and sellers using the CAR sales contract.

That's because arbitration is bilateral, meaning both parties must agree in advance by initialing or signing this clause, while mediation is automatically made a part of the contract unless crossed out or removed in a counter offer.

Only when you realize that

signing the contract which contains the mediation clause is itself a voluntary act, and the arbitration section an additional binding agreement only if initialed by both parties, does this rationale become clear.

There is a formal non-profit organization which sets the standards for arbitration called the American Arbitration Association (AAA).

Although there is no formal mediation organization per se, the Judicial Arbitration and Mediation Services (JAMS) does set guidelines.

Who are the people chosen to resolve disputes out of court?

There are no licensing requirements to become either a mediator or an arbitrator but it does take a considerable amount of experience.

Mediators are mutually agreed upon between the parties although mediators for the San Francisco Association of Realtors are members of the association's professional standards panel.

Mediators and arbitrators be familiar with the issues, not allowed to advise the parties to the dispute because they are practicing law.

The parties may be represented during mediation or arbitration by anyone of their choice including a friend, attorney or contractor.

Real estate brokers are allowed to have a policy, either the office or personally, to respond during mediation or arbitration.

They are allowed to use these concepts to their sales and employees and to give their opinion.

Explaining to a buyer and seller that they can agree in the future not to sue one another if it falls apart is also allowed.

But brokers are not allowed to tell the client what to do, to explain the clauses and the customer to make the decision.

H.W. Moss is a Real Estate freelance writer.

## YOUR WEEKEND GUIDE OPEN HOMES

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- 139 SHERIDAN, Fab Nw Constr, 4/3, Grmt Dn, Huge Lot Wells & Bennett, Noll Davis 531-9536 MLS 033580 \$895,000
- 6632 LIGGETT, Pied, Side, 2 Legal Homes On Gated 1/2 Acre Lot Owner, 339-0687 OPEN SUNDAY 1-5 \$859,000
- 5981 GIRVIN DR, Piedmont Pines 4+3, New Showplace! Better Homes, D.C. Hodges 339-8400 \$850,000
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- 5341 GOLDEN GATE, Rockridge 4/2+, Quality Nw Constr, Grnds Pacific Union, Terri Carlisle 339-6460 \$695,000
- 6341 WOOD DR, New Listing! Pied Side Montclair, Spacious 4/3 The GRUBB Co., Karen Starr 339-0400 \$629,000
- 1295 SUNNYHILLS, New Listing! Crocker 4/3+, Mstr Ste W/ Frpl Pacific Union, Francis Heath 339-6460 \$575,000
- 10008 BROADWAY TERR, Fab Montclair Nw Constr, Pano Vws Wells & Bennett, Lisa Weil 531-1653 \$549,000
- 5944 MILES AVE, Rockridge- Temescal Creek, Stunning 4 Yr Old Templeton Co., Karin McPhail-Geist 848-0870/ 652-2133 OPEN SUN 2-4 \$540,000
- 44 STARK KNOLL PL, 1st Open! New Listing! Upr Rockridge 4/3 The GRUBB Co., Angela Wei Grubb 339-0400 \$530,000
- 14 YANKEE HILL, New Pricel Bay Vws, 3/3, Gourmet Kitchen The GRUBB Co., Anian Pettit Tunney 339-0400 \$499,000
- 4747 PROCTOR AVE, Nw Listing! Upr Rockridge, Nw Constr, 4/2 1/2 The GRUBB Co., Marcia Nebel 339-0400 \$489,000
- 40 SCHOONER BLVD, New Listing! Hiller Hglds 3/2 1/2 Townhm Coldwell Banker, Ollie Hammerel 339-1174 \$450,000
- 8 TAURUS AVE, Reduced! Montclair 2+2, Nw Constr, Cul-de-sac Pacific Union, Wyn Stephens 339-6460 \$424,000
- 11 HAWKS HILL, A Must See! Hiller Hglds 3/2 1/2, Hdwd Flrs, Vw Coldwell Banker, Ollie Hammerel 339-1174 \$405,000
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- 5675 CHELTON DR, Piedmont Pines 4bd 3 ba, Level-in Gym Atkinson & Gallinatti, Claire Johnson 530-7118 \$395,000
- 25 MASONIC PL, Upr Rockridge 4/2, Lvl Living, Cul-de-sac, Mstr Pacific Union, Charlene Claybaugh 339-6460 \$379,950
- 619 LONGRIDGE RD, Motivated! Crocker 3/2 Level Ranch Better Homes, Carolyn Hartley 339-4000 \$379,000
- 8481 SKYLINE BLVD, Montclair 3/2, Tastefully Upgraded Contemp Pacific Union, Kirk Phillips 339-6460 \$369,000
- 721 CALMAR, Gracious Trad, 11 Rms, 4+bd, Dbl Lot Wells & Bennett, Stan Hammond 839-5846 MLS 033379 \$365,000
- 268 SOMERSET RD, Montclair 4/2, Level-in, Updtd Kit, Vws Pacific Union, Nancy Donnelly 339-6460 \$359,000
- 4938 STONERIDGE, 3 bedroom Gadsby & Associates, Bob 523-6622 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4 \$355,000
- 19 BINNACLE HILL, Hiller Hglds 2/2 Townhse, Upgrades, Loft, Vw \$349,500 Coldwell Banker, Fritz Hochfeller 339-1174
- 797 ROSEMOUNT RD, 1st Open, New Listing! Crocker 4+1/4 Tudor The GRUBB Co., Judy Cain 339-0400 \$349,000
- 11 CHATSWORTH CT, Pied Pines Custom Built, Exc Condition Mason McDuffie, Elisabeth Belle 428-0900/ 287-9099 \$349,000
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- 5710 MORAGA AVE, Montclair 2/2, Pied Border, 4 Pvt Acres Better Homes, Helen Nicholas 339-8400 \$319,000
- 6669 THORNHILL DR, Nr Town But Pvt! 3/2 1/2, Fam Rm, Decks Coldwell Banker, Dian Hymer 339-1174 \$317,500
- 13318 CLAIREPOINTE, New List! Parkridge Estates 4/2, Cul-de-sac Pacific Union, V Woodhead 339-6460 \$312,000
- 5880 CHABOT RD, Rockridge Flats, Walk To BART And Shops JT Ward, Barbara Wilcox 845-6021 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4 \$295,000
- 5046 PIERPOINT AVE, Oakmore 3/2, Frpl, View, Low Maintenance \$290,000 Mason McDuffie, Patsy Buhler 834-2010
- 1015 TRESTLE GLEN, Crocker 3/1 1/2, Oak Flrs, Sunny, Garden Mason McDuffie, Nancy Lehrkind 428-0900 \$289,000
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- 2188 ANDREWS, New Listing! Montclair 2 bd Tudor, Huge Lot Mason McDuffie, 339-8787 \$269,900
- 4218 COOLIDGE AVE, 2/2, View, Studio, 2 Fpls, Hdwd Flrs Better Homes, Rachel Baller 339-8400 \$269,500
- 30 OVERLAKE CT, New Listing! 2+1/4 Secluded Charming Mason McDuffie, 339-9290 \$259,000
- 842-842A WALKER, Grand Lake 2 Units, 2 Car Garage Gadsby & Associates, Joe 522-8388 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4 \$257,500
- 3925 14TH AVE, Nw Kit, 2bd, Plus Room, Hdwd Flrs, Very Clean Wells & Bennett, Joy Bryden 531-7000 MLS 035624 \$255,000
- 5150 SHAFTER AVE, Grt Opptn! Rockridge 3/2 1/2, Park-like Grnds The GRUBB Co., Marilyn Watson 339-0400 \$255,000
- 17 WHITTLE CT, Lg 3+1/2, 2 Fpls, New Paint Mason McDuffie, Bill Boze 339-9290 \$250,000
- 2 EDMONT WY, Reduced! Oak Hills 4/2 1/2, \$4K Credit Better Homes, Maria Sinclair 339-4000 \$249,000
- 59 MELVIN CT, Oakmore 2/2, Single Lvl, Bay Vw, Deck, Quiet Wells & Bennett, Sharon Hammond 839-5846 MLS 035425 \$246,500
- 5856 CHABOT CT, Charming Starter- Grt Neighborhood, Lovely Grdn JT Ward, Gayle Tantaw 845-6021 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4 \$245,000
- 5819 PATTON ST, Cute Rockridge Bungalow, Nr Chabot School Templeton Co., 652-2133 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4 \$245,000
- 4830 DAVENPORT, Redwood Hts 3/1, Perfect Cond, 2 Car Grge Mason McDuffie, Nancy Moore 428-0900 \$239,000
- 4519 DAVENPORT AVE, Redwood Hts 2+1/4, Pano Bay View Better Homes, Arnold Mueller 530-6099 \$229,000
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- 4518 MATTIS CT, 3/2+, Move-in Cond, Fam Rm, Mstr Ste, FDR Pacific Union, Thomas Wurst 339-6460 \$219,000
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- 770 WALKER, Desirable Location Btwn Lakeshore/ Grand, 2/1 Winters RE, 893-2921 OPEN SAT/ SUN 2-4 \$194,500
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- 8214 NEY AVE, Sunny 2/1 Bungalow, Bay View Mason McDuffie, Jackie Wallace 834-2010/ 869-4956 \$129,000
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- 1336 NIELSON, Westbrae 3+2+, Remod Kit, Grt Yard Mason McDuffie, Susan Casqueiro 834-2010/ 286-7571 \$209,000
- 2320 8TH ST, Victorian 3/2 Charming, Detached Plus Room Coldwell Banker, Victor Fierro 339-1174 \$199,000
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## Emergency

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of emergency Tuesday at 4:30 p.m. so that residents and the city can qualify for disaster relief. "Mostly we just had lots of water," said Captain Bruce Nelson who directed the city's emergency response effort. "There were some intersections blocked. A number of cars stalled, including police cars. Water went into people's basements and garages; a few people had some water come (directly) into their homes." Public works crews stayed busy into the evening. Cars were pulled out with four-wheel drive vehicles; sandbags were distributed to the residents at the city's corporation yard.

According to Nelson, El Cerrito's topography leads naturally to these kinds of problems in a major storm. Such problems are rare only because there's been so little rain in recent years. By Tuesday morning, most of the water had drained off — headed to the Bay.

"The reason we get all that water backed up is because it's high tide," Nelson said. "The ground's saturated, and there's no place for it to go."

So crews stayed busy, and a number of city employees ended up putting in hours of overtime.

At about 3 p.m. Monday, it became clear that this storm, unlike the showers over the weekend, when no one had to be called in for emergency work, would cause major difficulties. Some employees were called early for shifts; those already on duty were asked to stay late. The police business office stayed open for the public into the evening; clerks stayed on to answer phones, as did several city hall employees. Police

reserve officers were called in; recycling staff members, gone for the day, were called back to help.

It wasn't quite enough, though. Some residents who called for help were told to do the best they could — that no one would be able to come out for several hours.

"When you get a major storm like this and water starts backing up, it's impossible to cover everything," Nelson said. "At some point, we step back and say we can't respond to all of these calls; we need to make ourselves available for extremely hazardous conditions or for life-threatening emergencies."

Though the department did not set up an official Emergency Operating Center to respond to the flooding, city officials met in the public safety conference room to coordinate the response efforts.

By about 10 p.m., the worst was over, and city employees began heading home, better experienced, perhaps, to meet any conditions that arise from the next major storm.

## Flood

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the Richmond border was closed until 9 p.m.

"We were running around all night with problems typical in a storm like this," Clemons said, adding that the best advice he can give people is to make sure their basements are secure and stay off the roads.

"If people have basements they should make sure their sump pump is working and they should stay off the streets and don't drive. We've had quite a few



Intense storms closed Colusa Avenue in El Cerrito on Monday.

accidents," he said.

Monday evening was a bit calmer for the crew at the Albany Fire Department, according to Chief Marc McGinn, who said the department received four weather related calls for service.

"Actually it wasn't too bad. On a night like this we would expect 10 calls related to the storm," McGinn said, adding his advice to ward off threat of flooding. "The biggest thing is to make sure you have your

gutters cleaned and have drainage spouts to the street. If there is no where for the water to go its going to find its way under your house," he said, noting that in a heavy storm rain falls at 50 to 100 gallons a minute.

A warning was also issued for residents whose homes have water heaters in their basement. If the heater becomes submerged and the pilot light extinguished gas lines should be shut off in order to avoid problems with gas leaks.

## BART

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her work and believes traffic congestion is already a problem.

"My concerns basically have to do with the traffic pattern," she said. "Among other things it's the only way to the freeway. Once we've added mixed use, including housing, it will be even more congested."

Mayor Norman LaForce sees the development situation a little differently.

"There's been a long-standing commitment to a proposal for that site that would be higher density than a parking lot," he said, "something that would combine access to BART with mixed use."

As far as LaForce is concerned, there have been a number of times since 1975, when the concept was included in the general plan, that citizens had input on visions to land use concepts. The future plans for that site have been "reiterated over the years," he said. There were key points when people had the opportunity to say what they wanted. Each time there was a commitment (to the mixed use concept)."

LaForce also said councils have continued to support the mixed use idea for the BART property, while

council members supporting it have continued to be elected, as he was after expressly stating his belief that a mixed use development was appropriate for the site.

"There's been a long history of commitment ...over the years," said LaForce. "To come in now and say, I want this completely changed, is not in the works."

On the other hand, he said, "it still doesn't mean we're going to approve a specific project when it's proposed. There's still a lot of things to look at."

"We need something more than just a concept to discuss," he said. "We're waiting for something to kick it off. After all, BART may come back tomorrow and say, 'because of our budget crisis, we aren't going to do anything'.... Then it's back to Square One."

While the establishment of a mixed use development on BART property may be somewhat a given for the majority of the council, the process of deciding exactly what the development will look like has yet to be decided.

No proposal has yet been submitted by BART, but some community members would like to have input on the project before any specifics are even initially determined.

## Audit shows budget surplus

By Tara Suan

ALBANY — Finance officer Pat Cabrera announced with no small measure of pride that despite the daunting red line of Albany's budget shortfall, city staff more than capably handled the existing funds.

According to the Annual Financial Report prepared by an independent auditor, Albany took in \$87,000 more in revenue than they anticipated.

In addition, records indicated that during the fiscal year 1993-1994 the city spent \$70,000 less than was expected.

Cabrera cautioned, however, that those figures should not be taken seen as reminiscent of an oasis of added revenue.

"This doesn't amount to hundreds of thousands of dollars," she

said. "What I meant to say was that we did better than we expected."

Cabrera added, "It's not terrific from a budgetary perspective but it is gratifying from a department point of view."

The city has endured financial difficulties since the state began taking away tax revenues. In sum, Albany has lost nearly a half million in lost property tax revenues alone.

The mild windfall amounted to a revenue increase of 1.3 percent while the expenditure figure was a .09 percent change.

As a result, the audit reports the city's general financial outlook as "guardedly optimistic."

City Council members applauded the 86 page document, if not for any substantial change in

the budget picture but for the aesthetic quality of the attractive report.

Printed on recycled heavy peach bond, the report prepared by Maze and Associates of Walnut Creek was something of a steal: where an average financial audit of its type can cost \$40,000, Albany contracted with Maze for \$29,894.

Cabrera said she will submit the report for award consideration from two of the most prestigious financial reporting organizations, a move she says can help lend credibility to the city's economic health.

"I am particularly pleased with the statistics section of the report," said Cabrera. "I think this may make us more attractive to small business owners who can look at the report and see how our financial health is."

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### 201 Announcements

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SHIPPING and receiving, must be accurate and dependable. Send resume to: HC, 8001 Capwell Drive, Oakland, CA 94621.

**SPORTS EDITOR**  
The Hills Newspapers has a salaried Sports Editor position with emphasis on high school and youth sports. Qualified, working journalists should submit resumes and work examples to: Sports Editor, 5707 Redwood Rd., Oakland, CA 94612. Send resume to: HC, 8001 Capwell Drive, Oakland, CA 94621.

**SWEET DREAMS CANDY STORE**  
Seeking dedicated hard working person for full and part-time management trainee positions. Must have retail experience, flexible schedule and great personality. Contact Gary 549-1211

**T-SHIRT Print Shop** seeks manual printers with experience. Preferred. Emeryville, full-time. Entry encouraged to apply. PLUM, 658-7438

**SELLING A CAR?**  
Call 339-8777

## The Classified Dept. Will be closed Mon., Jan. 16 for Martin Luther King Jr. Day



The deadline for Tues. & Thurs., Jan. 17 & Jan. 19 is Fri., Jan. 13 at 11 a.m.

## 401 Help Wanted

GROWING Berkeley strategic marketing company which focuses on retail store design, image development, merchandising and promotional programs desires a hard-working, attention to detail administrative assistant for all ongoing administrative needs. Must be professional and service-oriented, positive and proactive. Computer literacy, excellent language and organizational skills required. Send resume to: P.O. Box 1974-8620, Berkeley, CA 94701

HIRING drivers, Pizza Hut, 4496 Broadway Ave., Oakland 420-0400, contact Carmen.

HOUSECLEANING. Now hiring. Monday-Friday. Weekly pay Bonuses. Need auto! Insurance. Call Merry Maids, 528-1249

IMPORTANCE paid to maturity, experience, compassion. Certified Nurse Aides, Home Aides, part-time to 24 hours care. A Caring Connection, 324-8076



Childcare Wanted

NY, light housekeeping, part-time, Wednesday, Friday 1:30-3:30 p.m. Two fun, boys ages 8, 11. Drive to and from school services, prepare dinner, non-smoking, clean, organized, (car provided for job), current references, helpful, organized, upbeat, flexible, like to spend time with children. Please call me at 530-855 between 9-11 p.m. message with qualifications and phone number.

ONSIBLE caregiver for 7 year old boy, 2 year old girl, and all day Saturday from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Must have car. \$7/ hr. Janet 688-8867, leave message

Shared Childcare

Playmate approximately 12 months old. I share my toys, my house and loving nanny to you. 25-30 hours per week. My fee is \$100 per month. Please call me at 442-2949 evenings.

For your loving, reliable sitter with our 16-month-old in Crocker Highlands area, full-time or part-time. 444-4288

Childcare - Licensed

Rainbow Daycare. Loving, lightly structured school activities, outings. Credentialed by Deborah. 339-2066. License #28990

Daycare Information Center. Hours: daily. License #101214296. 694-1980

ABLE, quality childcare. Warm, loving Rock-homes. Activities, experienced, references, certified. #10121367. 701-653-8391

CARE Skyline area, 1-3 years. Outside care. Small, sunny environment, Montessori. 530-6830. #101206795

ABLE daycare. Healthy environment. In-out care, in safe, clean area. Experienced. #101214548. 530-1680

NT care in my loving home, Monday-Thursdays. License #101226448. Montclair. 450-0404

Janne-Your child's home away from home. Safe, happy environment respects and nurtures your child's individuality. Full-time infant, preschool, 6 years of experience. 427-736. Jenna. 835-4540

PLACE large and sunny family daycare, and outdoor activities. Ages 1-4. Full and part-time enrollment. Excellent references. Near BART. License #070213295. Call Anita, 424-2603

NG older couple providing daycare for toddler - 2. Over 10 years experience. License #16444. 531-4453

Babysitters & Au Pairs

Loving reliable nanny now available to take care of your child. Babies - 3 years full-time call 237-5799 after January 10th.

EXPERIENCED reliable babysitter. Monday-Friday - 5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Great references. Share Call 769-8041

Loving, responsible Nanny is available. Full-time. Possible share one other day. 426-996

AB, experienced, dependable babysitter. Great references. Available Monday and Friday. Full-time only. Twins and shared arrangement. Berkeley. 510-528-5988

Home Health Care Offered

Following people would like to be hired as Home Health Care Providers. If you are looking for a Job as a Home Health Care Provider, please see Categories 606 and 608

ABLE CARE INC. Rel. quality 24 hour live-in care and companion for the elderly and handicapped in the comfort and security of your own home. Licensed and insured. 510-685-4704

A CARING CONNECTION. Rel. quality home care includes personal care, housekeeping, companionship. Call Karen, 426-0076

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Business Opportunities & Services. IS YOUR BUSINESS FOR SALE? Located in Acquiring Northern California Manufacturing or Distribution business with a potential \$1.5 million. The ideal business should require marketing management and a unique position.

Are Interested in selling all or part of your business, please send a brief business description and product brochure to: Box K, 6208 La Avenida, Oakland, CA 94611

A NEW START

are not required. Growing telecommunications company offering position to enthusiastic, self-motivated individuals. Flexible hours with bonus commissions and bonuses. Call now!! 426-8502

Estate opportunity. Luxury home and adjacent lot with permits. Architect/contractor. 422-0000. 658-5259

For Sale

Antiques & Art

TATE collection private residence. Magnificent collection rare 18th-19th century antique furniture, fine paintings, Persian rugs, Pier mirror, 1864 Rolle Royce Silver Choud III. 5372-0558

ASIAN Kuba Kilim rug, circa late 19th Century, excellent condition, \$5500. 601-1678

ESSER, 1980's Empire, Tiger-eye maple, 2 drawers. Matching mirror, 2 chairs. Fine, clean lines, beautiful condition. \$795. 426-9342

Appliances

WASHERS and dryers. Kenmore-Whirlpool. Conditioned and rebuilt. Guaranteed 90 days. Very available. 548-4419 anytime

Vintage Gas Stoves

Woodrow, O'Keefe, etc. Repaired and sold. 14 years experience. Licensed. 841-8711

Garage & Estate Sales

RAYETTE. 573 Silverado Drive. Friday and Saturday, January 13th and 14th, 10-4. Estate sale. Furniture, dishes, toys, tools, bicycles, miscellaneous. 442-2949

LAND-1821 Cortez. Saturday, 10-4. 1000 sq. ft. 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, oak kitchen, roller, coffee table, French console, sofa, 2 nightstands, mirrors, writing desk, more. 442-2949

LAND-574 Redwood Road (China Hill) Now available. 4 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, kitchenware, photographic equipment, picture frames, mirrors, hardware, tools, record albums, lamps, filing cabinets, baby items, books, housewares.

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Home Furnishings

MINI-BLINDS Discount prices on custom Sunflex mini-blinds and Louverable pleated shades. Draperies too. Free estimates and installation. Marsha Interiors 569-7540

MATTRESS Sets Twin, \$49. Full, \$109. Queen, \$159. Scotchbed, \$299. Sofa with loveseat, \$389. Bunkbeds, \$228. Chest-bed, bedroom sets, roll-aways, Simmons, Sealy, Restonic. 444-1990

BABY furniture, washed maple, Simmons crib and mattress, Jenny Lind 4 drawer dresser and changing table. All \$400. Doreto 339-2112

DESIGNER carpet 1x10', great condition, tomato and green flowers, white background with border. Originally \$3000, asking \$700. 510-339-0404 ext 217

SOFA, loveseat, matching chair. Three months old. From condo display. Cost \$1195 sell \$395. 896-8127

EASTLAKE 19th Century solid oak double bed \$400, matching 5 drawer chest \$500. 601-8564

FUTONS! Sets-all new! Starting: Twin-\$110, Full-\$120. Queen-\$132. 522-7234 or 539-0069, page 11

QUEEN size mattress and box spring frame with bookshelf headboard, \$175. 655-9248

SKI Lodging. New! Used downhill. Saturday, Sunday 3-4, weekdays by appointment. 292. Joe St. 893-6130

BABY BOOTIE This lovely bootie is made of white ceramic and features a refined floral motif, with a gold trim. Comes in two styles: pink ribbon for girls and blue ribbon for boys. We'll personalize each bootie with the baby's first name, date of birth, and weight. 302 day money back guarantee. Send \$9.95 plus \$3 shipping and sales tax to: J.R.U. ENTERPRISES, P.O. Box 29114, Oakland, CA 94604

HEATER DeLonghi practically new, \$45. Microwave Weibull with carousel, \$51. 631-6410

MOVING. Must sell various items-furniture, futon with oak frame, coffee table, lowboy, etc. 232-9732

MONTCLAIR Swim Club Family Membership. \$500. 452-3453

OFFICE Furniture. Must Sell this Week! Light wood desk, \$75. 2 Harper desk metal desks, \$75 each. Conference table, 33x72, \$100. White board, 48x96, \$50. 486-8333

WANTED- An old by train Lionel Marx American Flyer. Ives - 547-1278

MULTI-UNIT wanted: Possible 4 to 20 units. To lease. Purchase. Please call 462-9593

Pets - Care & Supplies

PURE bred Beagle, 9 months old. \$350. 658-7800

VERY Important Pets provides loving, professional pet and home care. Licensed, insured, bonded. 510-633-0696

BICHON-FRISÉ/ AKC, 2 females, 8 weeks. Veterinary exam, shots. Must sell \$375 each. 510-534-9777 evenings.

SMALL Hunter Barm offering board and full training send arena and trail course. 482-5077

Travel - Tours & Tickets

BAHAMA Cruise. 5 days/4 nights. Under booked! Must sell \$279. Two limited tickets. Call 407-830-5100 Ext 087. Monday-Saturday 6 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Rentals

ALL real estate advertised in this newspaper is subject to Federal Fair Housing Act in 1968 which makes it illegal to advertise any discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, national origin, familial composition or marital status. Any advertisement that includes such a statement is subject to the Federal Fair Housing Act. The newspaper will not knowingly accept any advertising for real estate which is in violation of the laws. Our readers are hereby informed that all dwellings advertised in this newspaper are available on an equal opportunity basis.

101 Lofts & Live-Work Space. ARTIST studio to share non-live Strawberry Creek Design Center Berkeley. Call 658-2319

702 For Rent - General. DAY/ evening use. Small, sunny, 1/2 bath, private entrance. \$250. El Cerrito near BART. 527-7105

WANTED Garage, single or double, will share. 530-8265

703 Garage & Storage Rentals

TEMESCAL area. One car garage. \$80 per month. 658-1872

LARGE carpeted bedroom in home, Glenview District. Apartment only. Secure. Easy access. \$60/ month. 531-4357

704 Housing Wanted

PROFESSIONAL woman, excellent references, wants 2+ bedroom apartment or flat, central Rockridge or Elmhurst. Laundry hook-up and gas range preferred. 482-5235. Leave message. Needed by February. Rent flexible.

QUIET, self-employed male, non-smoker seeks quiet rental situation. Prefer cottage, but open-minded. Can afford any rent. David 527-3687

PROFESSIONAL male, 35, looking for share Rockridge, Montclair or Berkeley. January 29th move-in. Call 748-6665

UTTERLY Responsible, very quiet life-long Hills resident and well-behaved cat seek Nice cottage or 1 bedroom apartment in Berkeley or Oakland Hills. Prefer above-ground living. Call 527-3331.

705 Sleeping Rooms

\$350 LANDMARK Art Deco Building. All utilities paid. Small room, private bath. Entrance. Carpets, Levolors. Cat okay. 272-9664

FURNISHED rooms, \$264-\$380. Clean, quiet, friendly, arts environment, near transportation. Alice Arts Building, 1428 Alce St., Oakland. 328-7219

706 Sublets & Short-Term Rentals

\$195 GLENVIEW/ Piedmont, 3 bedrooms, family room, 2 baths, Art Deco, fireplace, sunny, level, in 652-9484

Vacation Rentals

FAMILY Ski Cabin, Tahoe- 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, washer, dryer, fireplace, modern kitchen, sunny deck, near Alpine Meadows, Sherwood lift, great cross country area. Non-smoking. \$150/ night. \$800/ week. 530-2267

Apt./Condos/Flats For Rent

709 Alameda

710 APT. FOR RENT STUDIOS

\$199 Plus per week or \$795 monthly furnished with kitchenette, maid service. No frills/last. Includes utilities. Phone, TV, HBO, linen, laundry, parking, clean, near shops/transportation. Pets okay. 2428 Central, 865-2121.

711 APT. FOR RENT 1 BEDROOMS

\$575 ONE bedroom, AEK, freshly painted, near shopping and bus line to BART. 521-2216

\$715 LARGE 1 bedroom, large kitchen, hardwood floors, lots of parking, washer/dryer, 481-5948

\$850 LOTS of charm, skylights, deck, Gold Coast location, transportation, (SF). Most utilities included. 522-5209

712 APT. FOR RENT 2 BEDROOMS

\$675 TWO bedroom, Lincoln/ Union, AEK, carpet, laundry, parking. Agency 523-1115

\$795 CROWN Beach Townhomes, 107 Crows Garden. 2 bedroom 1 bath, parking, gate entry, includes most utilities. Near public transportation, Plaza, beach. 523-4844

\$1075 New Years elegance. Gold Coast. Extremely spacious upper Victorian flat. Newly remodeled bath/kitchen, gardens, peaceful, cat welcome. 768-8068

713 APT. FOR RENT 3 OR MORE BEDROOMS

\$975 MORTON/ Central 1 bath in duplex, carpets, newly painted, laundry hook-ups. Agent, 523-1115

\$975 THREE bedroom, 1 1/2 bath Townhouse. Redecorated (Vertical blinds), parking, washer/garage included. 209-975-4701

714 Albany & Kensington

ALBANY, Kensington, El Cerrito/ Studio, one, two, three bedroom apartments, flats, houses. Berkeley Connection, 845-7821

\$550 STUDIO Albany Hill, large, quiet, good area, close to shops and specialty restaurants. 525-4926

\$585 BEAUTIFUL, private, in-law studio. View, deck, high ceiling. Includes utilities. Close to transportation. 524-3244

\$625 INCLUDING all utilities. Freshly renovated 1 bedroom. Big kitchen, off-street parking. Cat okay. 527-4296

\$635 SPACIOUS 1 bedroom, Albany apartment, balcony, carpeting, near shops and transportation, parking. 523-8912

\$710-\$725 TOP floor large 1 bedroom, Albany Pets negotiable. Parking, laundry. Park Place 524-9676

\$800 DUPLEX, stove, washer/ dryer. Yard, 1 parking space. No pets. 415-986-5186

\$810 ALBANY 2 bedroom duplex. Garage, laundry, garden, no pets. Evelyn Avenue of Marin. (510)676-1342

715 Berkeley

716 APT. FOR RENT STUDIOS

BERKELEY CONNECTION RENTALS \$5 off with this ad on regular subscription. FREE PREVIEW - FREE PHONE USE. LANDLORDS LIST FREE. MONEY BACK GUARANTEE. 845-7821. 2840 COLLEGE AVENUE • SINCE 1975

\$650 BERKELEY hill remodeled studio in-law, fireplace, laundry, garden setting, quiet neighborhood. No pets. 526-2642

HOMEFINDERS BULLETIN

LARGEST EAST BAY SERVICE SINCE 1970. 20% OFF WITH THIS AD. 2158 UNIVERSITY AVE. • 549-6450

STUDIO, 1 bedroom, 2 bedroom, 3 bedroom. Rent! Tell us what you want, we'll find it. Rental Solutions 644-2522 CaREB

717 APT. FOR RENT 1 BEDROOMS

\$465 1035 CEDAR St. Rent control. Garbage/ washer/ dryer. Off-street parking, carpets, yard. 525-3955

\$500 HILLS 1 bedroom in-law. Bay view, hardwoods, deck. Regal Road #40620-B Homefinders 459-6450

\$550 BERKELEY Oakland border, 1 bedroom with 1920's charm on Shattuck (just side street) location. New throughout. Top floor, Bay view. Large kitchen with dining area. Lots of storage. 428-2815

\$620 GARDEN apartment near Herick Hospital. Laundry, carpet, yard and deck. No pets, non-smoking. (510)644-16



## 725 APT. FOR RENT 1 BEDROOMS

\$630 ENORMOUS, bright 1 bedroom in quiet building near Lake, San Francisco bus, Grand Ave. and Lakeshore shopping. Views of Lake and park, patio, garage. Bodan Way near Beacon St. 428-1864

\$635 CONDOMINIUM near Piedmont. Cozy, architecturally exciting, deck, dishwasher. 473 Jean (Santa Clara). 272-9512

\$635 SUNNY 1+ Victorian. Upper unit, walk-in, hardwoods, skylight. Walk to Lake, BART, bus. Quiet, safe, cool-de-sea. Gas, water, garage included. Cat okay! 835-9672

\$640  
**PIEDMONT AVENUE**  
Two blocks. Very large. Hardwood floors, roomy kitchen, large bedroom, good storage, laundry, cable ready, storage locker and parking included. 652-7900

\$640 UPPER Grand Lakeshore, near Piedmont. Balcony, pool, laundry on each floor, gated parking. Fantastic location. Move-in bonus. 465-3648

\$650  
**EXCELLENT LOCATION**  
Grand Lake above MacArthur. Top floor. Light, bright, newly painted. Huge living room, large kitchen, generous closets. Laundry, most utilities. Quiet, secure, owner managed. No pets. 937-8944

\$650  
**CLASSIC 1920'S**  
English Tudor security building, desirable China Hill location. Spectacular top floor corner unit featuring decorative fireplace, high ceilings, hardwood floors, separate breakfast room. Tastefully refurbished enhancing original style/design. Parking available. See to appreciate. 482-3372; 547-4020; 832-3434

\$650- \$675 UPPER Grand. Large, carpeted, dishwasher, disposal. Views, parking, laundry. Cable ready 838-1396.

\$650 LANDMARK Art Deco Building. Hardwood floors, bay windows, Landlord, decorative fireplace, dining area, gas stove, closets, laundry, elevator, Great location. Easy commute. Cat okay. 272-9664

\$650 LARGE 1 bedroom, wall-to-wall, balcony, A/EK, laundry facility, gated garage. Very quiet. 465-7500, 839-8298

\$650 NICE 1 Bedroom. Sunny and Bright. Homey 6-pk. Close to Piedmont Ave, Transportation 297-4060

\$650 One bedroom, 1 bath, dishwasher, balcony, off-street parking, security entrance, off Grand Avenue. Call Michelle 531-7005

\$650 One bedroom close by Lake, big closets Balcony, pool, parking. Days 835-3333; evenings 530-8706

\$650 One bedroom, 1 bath, with large living room, nice hardwood floors with area rugs, on site laundry facility, off-street parking. 425 Van Dyke (no fee) 763-9901.

\$650 One bedroom, sunny upstairs apartment, hardwood floors, view Diamond Park. Street parking 652-2204

\$650 QUIET building, 1 bedroom, bath, near Lakeshore shops, deck, parking. 832-8356

\$650 ROCKIDGE garage apartment, bedroom, living room, den, laundry, includes utilities, family neighborhood. 548-1460

\$650 SPACIOUS living area with fireplace, huge kitchen, off-street parking. 2 blocks above Lake. 444-8302

\$650 UPPER Grand older style building. Hardwood floors, parking, laundry. New paint. Upper unit 832-5811.

\$655 SPACIOUS 1 Bedroom, parking, balcony. Immaculate Building. Close to Lake, Grand Avenue, Transportation. 893-0711.

\$660 LOVELY 1 Bedroom, balcony, parking. Quiet. Sports Building. Close to Lake, Grand, Transportation. 268-1006

\$665 ROCKIDGE sunny 1 bedroom with private deck. Parking, laundry, pool, quiet setting. No pets, non-smoking. 658-3645

\$675 LARGE, clean, with living, dining, breakfast room, fireplace, huge garden. Pets okay. Fourplex. 843-7178

\$675 LOVELY Montclair 1+ bedroom. Quiet, spacious. Gas stove, wall-to-wall carpets, view, deck. 531-0923

\$675 One bedroom, sunny, historic building, China Hill area. Laundry, garage, cable. 444-2698

\$675 ROCKIDGE one bedroom, newly refurbished unit with alarm, garage, laundry, storage, walk to BART/shops, no pets, non-smoking. 525-8040

\$680 NICE 1 bedroom apartment. 1/2 block to Lake Merritt. Balcony, laundry. Garage parking. 835-4311.

\$693 ART Deco Building, Lake Merritt. Security building. High ceilings, oak floors, full kitchen, breakfast room, large closets, elevator. Utilities included. No pets. Available immediately. 510-839-5755

\$695 DESIRABLE Glenview 1920's charmer Bonus Murphy bed. Security 4-plex. Updated kitchen/bath, bay window. Lots of storage. Near shops/transportation. Available January 31. 452-1336; 415-986-0267

\$695 ONE bedroom plus den. Security flat. Dishwasher, garage. Water paid 3817 Snaffer. 654-4747 (415) 573-0716

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**WARREN'S Painting**. Exterior/ Interior. 20 years experience. Free estimates. Local references. Small jobs okay. 549-0135.

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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 94-7116  
The Name of the Business:  
1) Ygnacio Convalescent Hospital & 2) Guardian Foundation, 1449 Ygnacio Valley Road, Walnut Creek, CA 94596.

Are hereby registered by the following Owners: GCHG, Inc., incorporated in the State of California.

This business is conducted by a Corporation. Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on November 15, 1994. The Journal December 22, 29, 1994, January 5, 12, 1995.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 94-7114  
The Name of the Business:  
1) Bayberry Convalescent Hospital & 2) Guardian Foundation, 1800 Adobe Street, Concord, CA 94520.

Are hereby registered by the following Owners: GCHG, Inc., incorporated in the State of California.

This business is conducted by a Corporation. Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on November 15, 1994. The Journal December 22, 29, 1994, January 5, 12, 1995.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 94-7304  
The Name of the Business:  
1) Contra Costa Properties, Inc. 2) Contra Costa Properties, Realty, 850 Detroit Avenue, Suite #2A, Concord, CA 94518.

Are hereby registered by the following Owners: Contra Costa Properties, Inc., Concord, CA 94521.

This business is conducted by a Corporation. Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on November 15, 1994. The Journal December 22, 29, 1994, January 5, 12, 1995.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 94-7303  
The Name of the Business:  
1) Concord Motorsport, 2) Motorsport Of Concord, 3) Motorsport, 4) Motorsport, 5) Motorsport Parts & Accessories, 6) 1973 Concord Motorsport, 950 Detroit Avenue, Suite #2A, Concord, CA 94518.

Are hereby registered by the following Owner: Fred R. Dozier, 1157 Via Double, Concord, CA 94521.

This business is conducted by an Individual. Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on November 28, 1994. The Journal December 22, 29, 1994, January 5, 12, 1995.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 94-7483  
The Name of the Business:  
DBA: Family Discount Shopping Club, 3717 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Suite 101, Lafayette, CA 94549.

Is hereby registered by the following Owners: Consumer's Television Network, Inc., 3717 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Suite 101, Lafayette, CA 94549.

This business is conducted by a Corporation. Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on December 7, 1994. The Journal December 22, 29, 1994, January 5, 12, 1995.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 94-7484  
The Name of the Business:  
DBA: Coast To Coast Discount Club, 3717 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Suite 101, Lafayette, CA 94549.

Is hereby registered by the following Owners: Consumer's Television Network, Inc., 3717 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Suite 101, Lafayette, CA 94549.

This business is conducted by a Corporation. Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on December 7, 1994. The Journal December 22, 29, 1994, January 5, 12, 1995.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 94-7485  
The Name of the Business:  
DBA: Coast To Coast Discount Club, 3717 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Suite 101, Lafayette, CA 94549.

Is hereby registered by the following Owners: Consumer's Television Network, Inc., 3717 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Suite 101, Lafayette, CA 94549.

This business is conducted by a Corporation. Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on December 7, 1994. The Journal December 22, 29, 1994, January 5, 12, 1995.

**STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME**  
File No. 93-4109  
The following persons have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name Endeavor Windows, 1700 Ygnacio Valley, #210, Walnut Creek, CA 94596.

The fictitious business name referred to above was filed in Contra Costa County on July 6, 1993. Concord, CA 94520.

2) Marc Smerer, 190 Player Ct., #12, Walnut Creek, CA 94598.

This business was conducted by a General Partnership. Signed: Ricardo Espinosa.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on December 13, 1994. The Journal December 22, 29, 1994, January 5, 12, 1995.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 94-7570  
The Name of the Business:  
AF Consulting, 2086 Sandpoint, Byron, CA 94514.

Is hereby registered by the following Owner: Ayl Farhang, 2086 Sandpoint, Byron, CA 94514.

This business is conducted by an Individual. Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on December 12, 1994. The Journal December 22, 29, 1994, January 5, 12, 1995.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 94-7412  
The Name of the Business:  
Brady & Associates, 3470 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Lafayette, CA 94549.

Is hereby registered by the following Owner: Cedric T. Brady, 14 Martha Rd., Orinda, CA 94563.

This business is conducted by an Individual. Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on December 2, 1994. The Journal December 22, 29, 1994, January 5, 12, 1995.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 94-7381  
The Name of the Business:  
1) TJ International Imports 2) Contemporary International Distributors 3) Classical Traditions, 60 San Vicente Ct., Danville, CA 94526.

Are hereby registered by the following Owners: Thomas Andre Pintacsi, 60 San Vicente Ct., Danville, CA 94526.

Judy Martha Pintacsi, 60 San Vicente Ct., Danville, CA 94526.

This business is conducted by Individuals - Husband and Wife.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on November 30, 1994. The Journal December 22, 29, 1994, January 5, 12, 1995.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 94-7771  
The Name of the Business:  
E T Enterprises, 507 Commodore Drive, Richmond, CA 94804.

Is hereby registered by the following Owner: Elinor Marie Tennyson, 507 Commodore Drive, Richmond, CA 94804.

This business is conducted by an Individual. Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on December 7, 1994. The Journal December 22, 29, 1994, January 5, 12, 1995.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 94-7507  
The Name of the Business:  
Henry Gate & Co., 116 Whaler Cir., Hercules, CA 94547.

Is hereby registered by the following Owner: Marcel Oliver, 116 Whaler Cir., Hercules, CA 94547.

This business is conducted by an Individual. Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on December 8, 1994. The Journal December 22, 29, 1994, January 5, 12, 1995.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 94-7181  
The Name of the Business:  
Taylorwood Distribution Company, 3008 Shane Drive, Richmond, CA 94806.

Is hereby registered by the following Owner: Bantelie Annadi Carter, 3008 Shane Drive, Richmond, CA 94806.

This business is conducted by an Individual. Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on November 18, 1994. The Journal December 22, 29, 1994, January 5, 12, 1995.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 94-7115  
The Name of the Business:  
1) Tice Valley Pharmacy & 2) Guardian Foundation, 1808 Tice Valley Blvd., Walnut Creek, CA 94595.

Are hereby registered by the following Owners: GCHG, Inc., incorporated in the State of California.

This business is conducted by a Corporation.

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Is hereby registered by the following Owner: Charan Langton, 860 Dolphin Drive, Danville, CA 94526.

This business is conducted by an Individual. Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on November 22, 1994. The Journal December 22, 29, 1994, January 5, 12, 1995.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 94-7300  
The Name of the Business:  
Tipperary Books, 2029 Nevin Ave., Richmond, CA 94801.

Is hereby registered by the following Owner: Roger Jones, 2029 Nevin Ave., Richmond, CA 94801.

This business is conducted by an Individual. Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on November 15, 1994. The Journal December 22, 29, 1994, January 5, 12, 1995.

**STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME**  
File No. 90-5836  
The following person has abandoned the use of the fictitious business name U.S. Mortgage Services, 5232 Panama Avenue, Richmond, CA 94804.

The fictitious business name referred to above was filed in Contra Costa County on October 8, 1993.

Elizabeth Duke, 5232 Panama Avenue, Richmond, CA 94804.

This business was conducted by an Individual. Signed: Elizabeth Duke.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on December 14, 1994. The Journal December 22, 29, 1994, January 5, 12, 1995.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 94-7671  
The Name of the Business:  
C.A.R.S., Incorporated, 10470 San Pablo Avenue, El Cerrito, CA 94530.

Is hereby registered by the following Owner: Consumer Automotive Resource Service, California.

This business is conducted by a Corporation. Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on December 18, 1994. The Journal December 22, 29, 1994, January 5, 12, 1995.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 94-7493  
The Name of the Business:  
Achievement Broadcasting Group, P.O. Box 94583, San Ramon, CA 94583.

Is hereby registered by the following Owners:







